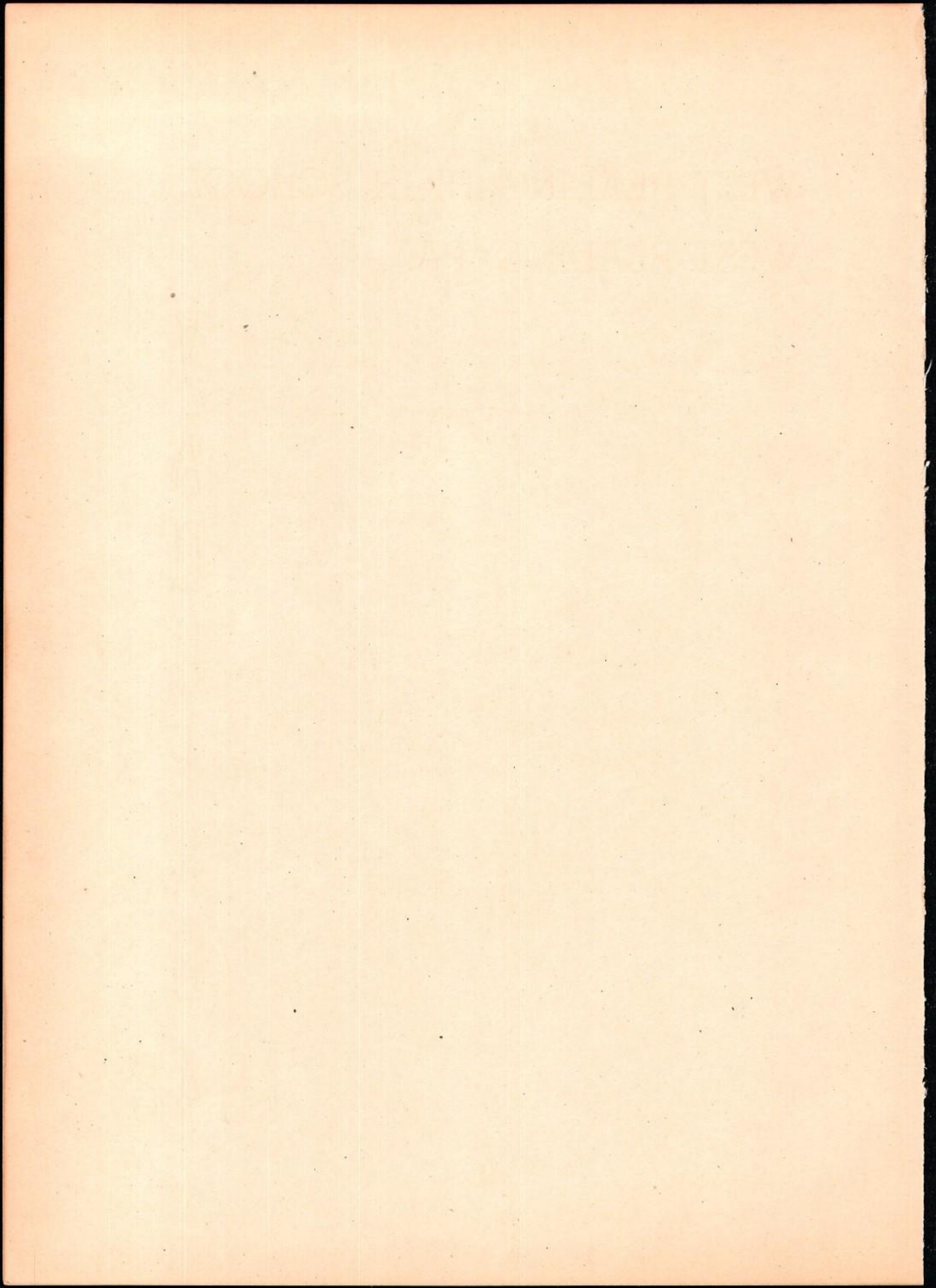


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Foreword

This yearbook is somewhat different from past issues in that it is a school book rather than a class book. The seniors still occupy their own section, but we have included more articles and pictures of underclassmen. This trend is especially evident in the picture pages.

We've tried to keep the book informal and cheerful. We've had the usual troubles about deadlines, finances, etc., but we've really had a swell time compiling this account of the past school year. We hope you get as much enjoyment in reading it.

Here is a brief table of contents for the reader's convenience.

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DAVID O. POTTEIGER
Editor-in-Chief

Dedication

The staff of this yearbook did not hesitate in naming a person for this distinction, since we felt there was someone who richly deserved it. Miss Ida Stamm has been a teacher at West Reading for twenty-six years. During this time she has made many friends of students and teachers. Those who have been associated with her will always remember Miss Stamm's warm and friendly manner, her unending patience and cheerful humor. Miss Stamm is leaving West Reading High School this year, and it is with sincere pleasure, mingled with a keen sense of loss at her departure, that we dedicate this yearbook to her.

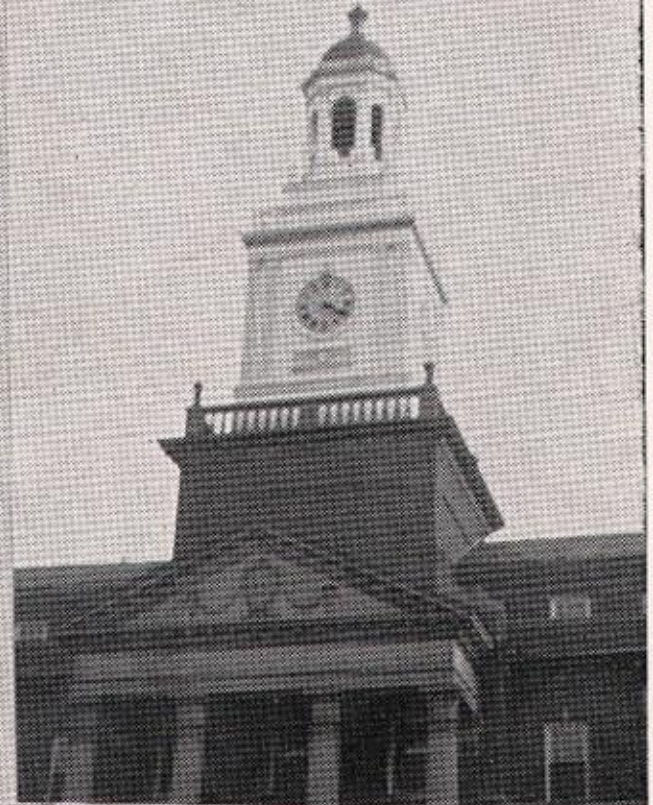


MISS IDA A. STAMM

Our Community

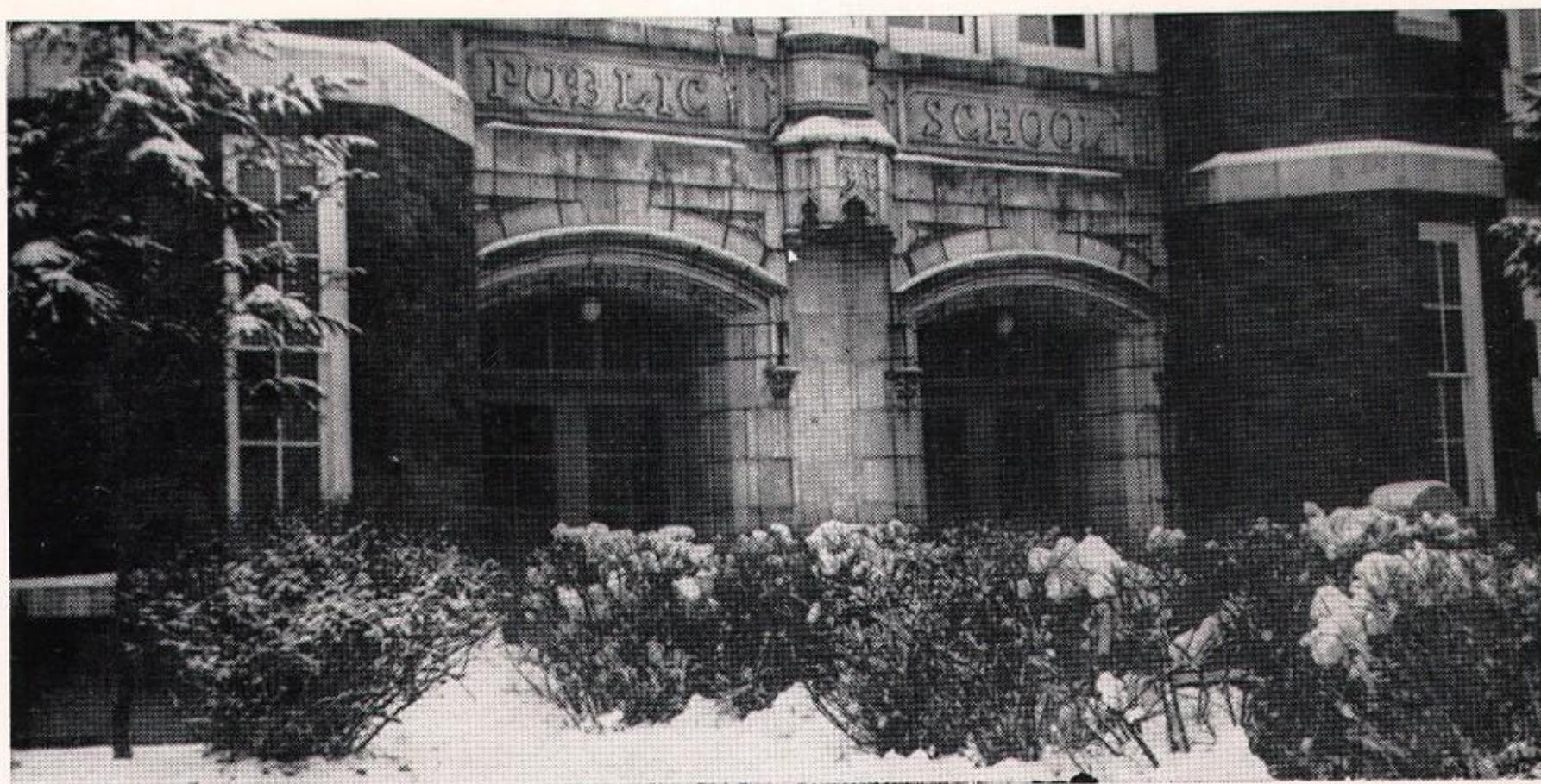
Some people will possibly wonder about the inclusion of a page of borough pictures in this school annual. We have added such a section for two reasons: the community which our school serves has, as a matter of course, an important place in school affairs; and we are proud of our borough.

These pictures are not the only points of interest or importance in West Reading. However, they are representative, and we feel that they will call to mind some of the places which the students of West Reading High School will always associate with their school life.



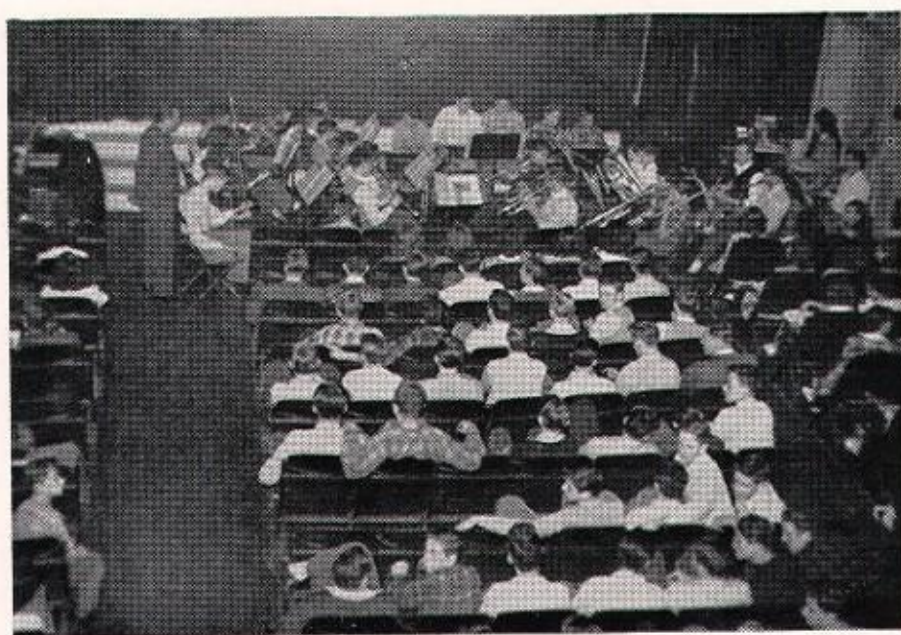
*Woomert's Confectionery
West Reading Hotel
West Reading Diner*

*Penn Theater
Reading Hospital
West Reading Borough Hall*



Our School

The opposite page is devoted to different locations in our community. This page covers the place of focal interest for us during the last twelve years. We have spent many pleasant hours here, and we have formed many happy memories of our school. An occasional visit to these doors after graduation will serve to renew these fond memories of our experiences at West Reading High School.





MR. J. MAURICE STRATTAN

Supervising Principal

"I am sure that we will all be pleased with the 1948 Vaquero. The staff has worked hard and has met many difficulties in the problems of advertising, distribution, printing, and binding, and particularly, that of getting our yearbook to us on time. From the editor down, they deserve our highest commendations. As this is being written, there is every indication that the 1948 Vaquero will be a worthy addition to its predecessors.

"To the entire staff, congratulations, and to the seniors of 1948, good luck and success in your plans for the future. 'Quit ye like men,' is the famous advice of St. Paul. Work and live so that no minute is ever lost or regretted."

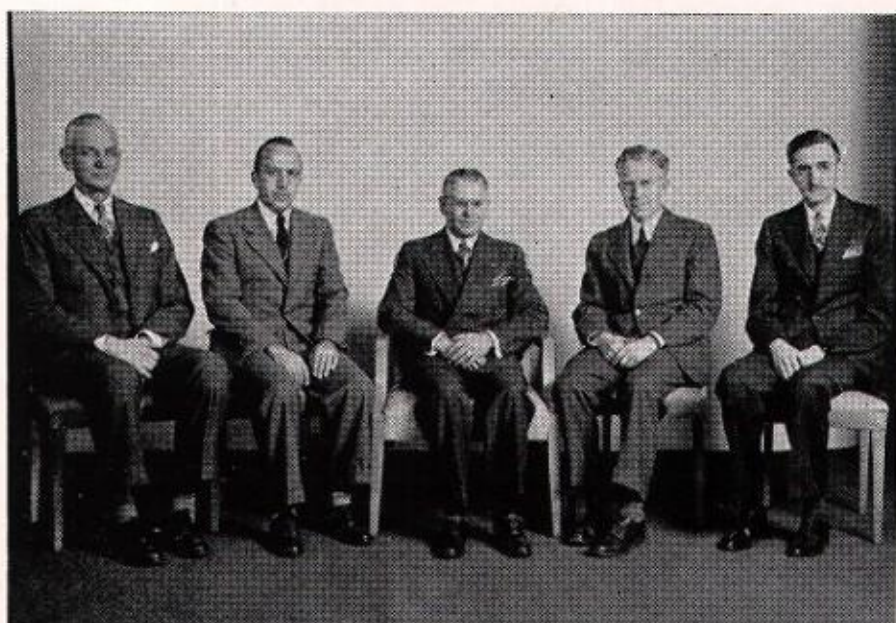
J. MAURICE STRATTAN

MR. EDWIN B. YEICH

High School Principal

"As another year rolls around and another issue of the Vaquero comes from the press, I am again happy at the privilege of writing a few words of greeting to its readers. From the activities of the staff this year, I know the Vaquero will be a huge success and that the staff is to be congratulated upon it. As for the book itself, it will, I am sure, be a source of pleasure for years to come to those who own and cherish one, for it will always be a link with the past."

EDWIN B. YEICH



BOARD OF EDUCATION

The power behind the scenes in the West Reading school system is the Board of Education. Composed of five prominent borough citizens, the Board has been capable and progressive in their handling of school affairs. Not content to rest on their laurels, these men are constantly planning and realizing the benefits of modern and more advanced school administration.

The following men compose the present Board: President, Mr. Richard H. Hohl; Vice-President, Mr. John A. Miller; Secretary, Mr. Ralph B. Miller; Treasurer, Mr. Bernard E. Leightheiser; and Mr. Samuel H. Wertz, the fifth member of the Board.

Our Faculty

West Reading is indeed fortunate to have such a fine group of people as members of the high school staff. Our faculty has been well-trained and is capably prepared for the important job of teaching. Aside from their regular task of imparting knowledge to their students, most of the teachers also had charge of several extra-curricular activities. These activities, such as football, baseball, dramatics, debating, student council, and many others, took much of the faculty's extra time. We are fortunate to have teachers in our school who are willing to give their time in making school pleasant and worthwhile.

When returning to our alma mater next fall, we all shall be aware of the absence of Miss Stamm, our mathematics instructor. Any student of Miss Stamm's will always remember the "first mistake she ever made."

Next year we look forward to the return of most of our faculty and anticipate an auspicious and profitable term.

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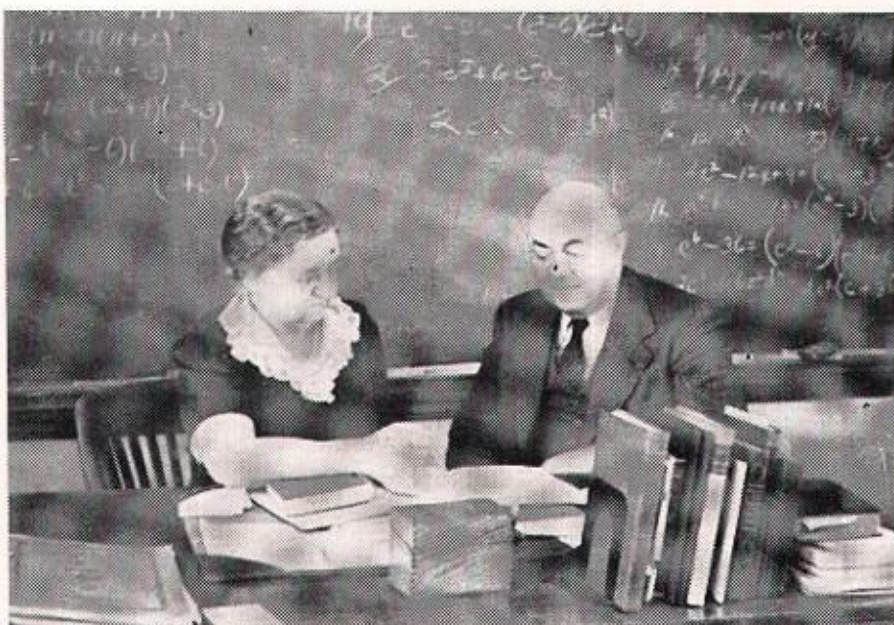
In addition to his position as High School Principal, a post which he has held for twenty-six years, Mr. Edwin B. Yeich spends much of his time teaching junior as well as senior English and in assisting various groups with their school activities. Mr. Yeich received his B. A. at Franklin and Marshall College and his M. A. at the University of Pennsylvania. During the Christmas holidays, our speech teacher was busily changing her name from Miss Dean to Mrs. Brunner. Besides her work as speech correctionist, Mrs. Brunner also teaches seventh grade English and coaches dramatic productions. Mrs. Brunner was graduated from Bloomsburg State Teachers College and has a B. S. degree. Our only representative of the faculty with a southern background is Mrs. Helen Bolton, a graduate of Mary and Washington College with a B. S. degree. Besides advising the school's bi-weekly publication, the *Lariat*, Mrs. Bolton's roster also includes ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade English. New to our school this year is Mrs. Mabel Gerhart, who had previously taught for eight years at Mohnton. She received her B. A. and M. A. at Cornell University and is now teaching eighth grade English in addition to classes in German. Mrs. Gerhart also advises the German and Dramatics Clubs.



SOCIAL STUDIES

"If you want to put this program on, it's got to be perfect"—Mrs. Gresh, who teaches junior high social studies, can be heard saying while rehearsing for the annual eighth grade tea. Shippensburg State Teachers College is her alma mater. Among her other projects are the eighth grade excursions through Berks County to become acquainted with historical and geographical points of interest. The lectures and experiences of Mr. Forrest Schaeffer have certainly enlivened classes this year. This is his first year as teacher of world history, American history, and problems of democracy. He attended Kutztown State Teachers College and Columbia University, where he received his B. S. and M. A. respectively. Mr. John Shalter received his B. S. at Millersville State Teachers College and his M. S. at University of Pennsylvania. His duties do not stop at teaching geography and civics to junior high students, as he also coaches the football, swimming, and baseball teams.





MATHEMATICS

The old "math class" will not seem the same without Miss Ida Stamm, who will no longer be associated with Mr. Evan H. Manwiller in their joint task of educating their many students in the knowledge of figures. After twenty-six years of teaching first and second year algebra, plane and solid geometry, and trigonometry, Miss Stamm deserves a well-earned respite. Because of her long association with our school, she enjoys the continuing friendship of many of our alumni. Miss Stamm attended Susquehanna University and University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Manwiller works with the students through seventh and eighth grade arithmetic and ninth and tenth grade commercial mathematics. He attended Penn State and received his degree of Bachelor of Science at Albright College. It will not be easy to secure a team of as conscientious workers as we have had in this important field of teaching.

LANGUAGE

West Reading is proud of its language department, for students have a choice of French, Spanish, German, and Latin. After a few days exposure to the French language, students become "manner conscious," with the acquisition of "s'il vous plait" and "merci beaucoup," to their vocabulary. Miss Mabel H. Fritz, French and Latin instructor, received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Bucknell University and her Master of Arts degree at Columbia University. She furthered her studies at Middlebury College and Penn State. Mrs. Mabel L. Gerhart, our German instructor, is a newcomer to our faculty. Upon graduation from Cornell University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees, Mrs. Gerhart went abroad to continue her studies at the University of Munich, Germany. "Wie geht's?" — "Machen Sie das Fenster auf" — these phrases toll a familiar bell for all German students. Mr. Harold Bare, a senior at Albright College, instructs the second year Spanish class. Mr. Bare, who hails from Laureldale, now lives in West Reading.



SCIENCE

Another one of our new staff members this year is Mr. Martin F. Hubley. This is Mr. Hubley's first teaching position, but this fact did not prevent him from catapulting into the midst of our busy schedule. He had an opportunity to meet many of his future students early in the fall when he plunged into the duties of football coach. He attended Mount St. Mary's, University of Pennsylvania, and Shippensburg State Teachers College, where he received his B. S. in Education. After being discharged from the Army in 1946, Mr. Fiske continued his education at Penn State and then came to West Reading to teach general science and shop courses. He has become a great favorite with the students because of his ability to successfully combine fun with work. He holds the title of the school's "handiest man" and can always be found ready to lend a helping hand.

COMMERCIAL STAFF

Mr. Samuel J. Naylor, our teacher and banker, is always on the job. His worries over the welfare of the senior class are constant and well-known. The banking club, made up of commercial students, helps him with the school bank accounts. Those trips with the senior class to Washington and Philadelphia proved to be memorable occasions. The other half of the commercial department is Miss Dorothy Lemmert. She received her B. S. degree at Indiana State Teachers College. Advising the Junior Class events was one of her many duties. Every Wednesday night found her working with the Y-Teen cabinet to present beneficial programs for the members. Miss Lemmert's greatest task and responsibility was the management and publication of the school yearbook. Many nights were spent with the staff in preparing the material. We deeply appreciate her earnest efforts on our behalf.



FINE ARTS

The music department of our school is constantly growing. Mr. Homer Barthold, music supervisor, has spent a great deal of his time and effort in increasing the interest in the school orchestra, band, and dance band. Mr. Barthold attended Lebanon Valley Conservatory of Music where he obtained his B. S. degree. Later he received his M. A. degree from Columbia University. Mr. Richard Seidel, a West Reading graduate, also obtained his B. S. degree from Lebanon Valley Conservatory and attended the Hamilton School of Music in Philadelphia. As supervisor of vocal music, Mr. Seidel directed the MacDowell Choral Club and the Junior Chorus. Both students and outside groups were able to appreciate the results of his splendid work. Mr. James M. K. Waldron reigns over the art department. After graduating from West Reading High, he furthered his education at Kutztown State Teachers College and University of California. He is now working for his M. F. A. degree at Temple University. During Mr. Waldron's two and one-half years in the service, he sketched numerous pictures in European countries.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS

The many colorful programs, invitations, tallies, and tickets seen at school events all come from our own Industrial Arts Department. The list need not stop there either. Some other accomplishments of this department are castings of animals for bookends, hammered copper dishes, book racks and ash trays. We have two very able instructors for this course. Mr. Fiske, a graduate of Penn State, directs the boys in wood-working, electricity, and metal shop. His keen sense of humor has found favor with all the pupils. Mr. Leininger instructs printing, wood-working, and mechanical drawing. Although a native of Mohnton, Mr. Leininger makes West Reading his second home and has been teaching here twenty-two years. He has attended Albright College, Millersville State Teachers College, Penn State, and the University of Pennsylvania.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

"Now boys," is a phrase heard many times as Coach John Shaner warns his athletic proteges to "keep in line." Over the years hundreds of boys have heard these familiar words, as Coach is a veteran faculty member at our school. This past year was his twenty-fourth as the director of physical education at West Reading. Mr. Shaner was graduated from Culver Normal School in Indiana and has since furthered his education at such schools as Albright, University of Pennsylvania, and Penn State College (receiving his B.S. from Albright and his M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania). Co-worker with Mr. Shaner in the physical education department is Miss Agnes Shephard. Miss Shephard is one of the more recent additions to the faculty. In the short time she has been at West Reading, Miss Shephard has built up a great deal of enthusiasm for girls' sports. She attended high school in Philadelphia, where she was an outstanding hockey player, and obtained her B.S. degree from West Chester State Teachers College.

HOME ECONOMICS

In this department the pupils of West Reading High learn the art of homemaking. Sewing and cooking are the main courses, but special instruction is also given in interior decorating, home nursing, child care, and grooming. The seasons of Easter and Christmas call upon the students of this department to make colored eggs and cookies. The boys' chef club visited Mrs. Schofer weekly and practiced the art of cookery. Mrs. Rosene Schofer, the dean of the Homemaking Department, was graduated from Terre Hill High School, Pennsylvania, and received a B. S. degree from Penn State College. Her post at West Reading was her first position in the field of teaching.



LIBRARY

The attractive, pint-sized brunette, rapping to keep order in the library, is Miss Mary Ann McDonald, an alumna of this school. Upon graduation Miss McDonald continued her studies at Kutztown State Teachers College. Last year she practiced her student teaching at West Reading; and now, as a regularly employed teacher, she has complete charge of our 5,300 volume library. Under the guidance of Miss McDonald, the newly organized Display Club plans the attractive weekly exhibits for the case in the center hall. Miss McDonald also shares the sponsorship of the Y-Teens.

HEALTH SERVICE

The school health service in West Reading, the first to be developed in Berks County outside of Reading, is as concentrated and complete as any health service department in a public school in Pennsylvania. It surpasses requirements set up by the Pennsylvania State Department of Health and Instruction. Mrs. Sara Stanton, R.N., a graduate of Reading Hospital, holds the full-time position of school nurse, while Mrs. A. O. Henne, a graduate of Thomas Evans Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, acts as dental hygienist. The school also employs the services of Dr. Harry W. Bagenstose for medical examinations of our athletes. Each pupil received a complete medical examination, with laboratory tests if necessary, in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. All teachers are given the same examination by the physician every two years. Dr. Roy K. Leinbach is also employed to make a thorough dental examination of all pupils every year.



OFFICE STAFF

With the introduction of modern and more advanced methods of school administration, the work of the office staff has become increasingly greater and more complicated. All day long the staff is busy answering phones, cutting stencils, taking letters, and attending to many other tasks. Mrs. Marjorie Mishler, Mr. Strattan's secretary, left us in February to further her education. Mrs. Grace Hamilton has replaced Mrs. Mishler. Mrs. Hamilton was overwhelmed by the write-up of her arrival in the Lariat and remarked about the friendliness of the West Reading students. She attended Lebanon High School and Lebanon Business College. Mrs. Betty Fassnacht is the other half of the duo. She can often be seen in the office busily typing or hurrying through the halls on some errand. She attended Reading High School and McCann's Business School.

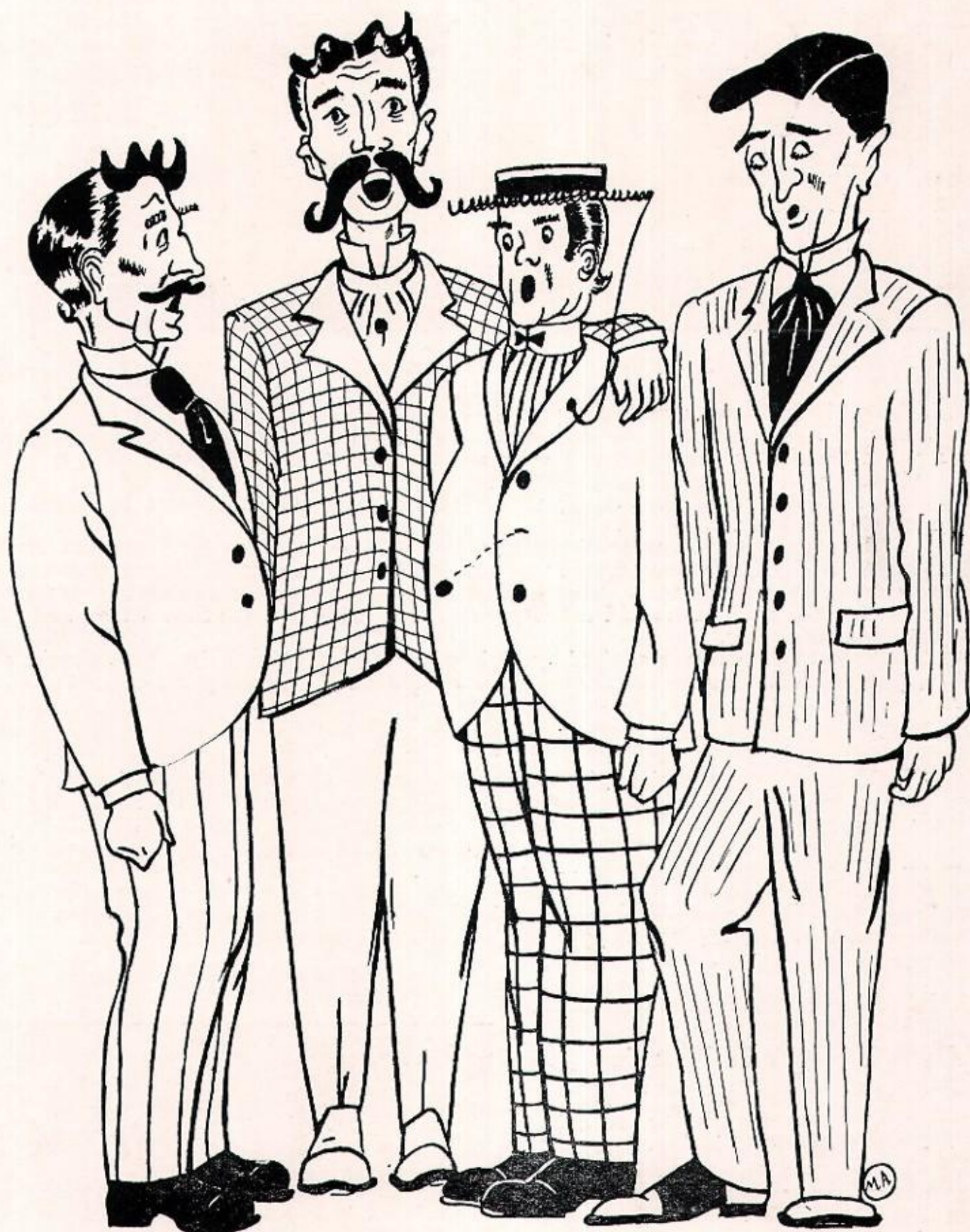


CUSTODIANS

Our Alma Mater is kept spic and span by a hard working trio composed of Charles Merkel, Jesse Spence, and Howard Bennethum. These men have duties which are varied and exacting. There are many evident jobs such as floor maintenance, heating, and ventilation. In addition, there are many duties which are sometimes even more difficult, though not realized by the average person at school. Our janitors must be constantly on their toes to see that those tasks necessary to the running of the school plant are performed in the most efficient and scientific manner. These three men have been especially generous in their help at various school functions and in rendering many extra courtesies to students and teachers.







Activities



Student Council

Sitting: B. Spangenberg, Miss Fritz, L. Haehnel, D. Schlegel, J. Hower, R. Rickenbach, Mrs. Gresh, P. Hoeffler.

Standing: J. Witwer, F. Horn, G. Metz, E. Brown, D. D'Ercole, Mr. Schaeffer, C. Horn, D. Diener, D. Potteiger, P. Bailey.

Silence! It is Tuesday, activities period. The room is still, filled with quiet expectancy. Hush! Janet Hower is rapping for attention. Student Council meeting is about to begin. These students tread their way carefully, for they are the elected representatives of a self-governed school. Listening to the president are David Schlegel, vice president; Robert Rickenbach, treasurer; and Lucy Haehnel, secretary; these are the duly chosen officers by election of the independent student body.

Articles on the agenda were discussed and acted upon swiftly, for there was much to do. The Student Activities Conference, which was held on October 10, 1947, proved that the student council was doing their work well. This conference brought together students from many Berks schools to discuss their scholastic and activity programs. This was the first attempt of this type, and it succeeded admirably.

The student council was advised by high school deans, Miss Fritz, Mrs. Gresh, and Mr. Schaeffer, who are to be commended for their splendid work in assisting the council on technical matters.

The National Honor Society gives recognition to those students who, in the opinion of their teachers and classmates, are building their lives around these four attributes: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The West Reading chapter is only two years old, but it has already made its impression on both our school and on other Berks schools. In co-operation with the Student Council, this organization operated a student activities conference on October 10 to which fifteen neighboring schools sent representatives. Each of the one hundred seventy-nine delegates attended one of the eight activities discussions held during the conference. Their favorable reactions assured us that they enjoyed and profited by their visit to West Reading High.

SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY

J. Hower, D. Potteiger, J. Robbins, G. Ready, B. Gring, B. Haehnel, J. Brunner, D. Schlegel, D. D'Ercole, B. Hartzell, B. Wolf, C. Bailey.

JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

B. Focht, R. Rickenbach, P. Dillon, D. Richter, C. Showers, E. Brown, P. Naylor, B. Leightheiser, J. Rentschler, L. Haehnel, J. Shaner, J. Beyerle, J. Rhoda, C. Horn, P. Bailey, R. Cremer, J. Piscitelli, F. Hettinger.

National Honor Society



Monitor System

"Watch that white line," was a familiar expression heard in the halls of West Reading High School. Our monitors were constantly on duty to supervise the actions of the students around the school. Monitors were posted throughout the halls during the change of classes in order to keep hall traffic moving.

The Board of Monitors, with David Pottleiger as chairman and Mrs. Gresh as adviser, worked hard all year to maintain order in the halls. They tried to maintain orderly conduct and to provide new and better means for passing through the corridors.

Senior high school student monitors were suggested by the 1946-47 Board of Monitors and were approved by Student Council. This method of self-discipline was the most satisfactory form of student co-operation and gave a decided gain in the ever-growing advancement of our school.



First row: B. Haehnel, J. Brunner, B. Gring, D. Pottleiger, M. Ammon, G. Greene.
Second row: J. Grimm, B. Geiss, J. Walker, Mrs. Gresh, M. Batdorf, P. Haas, A. Grauert.
Third row: A. Gray, G. Metz, R. Keller, R. Feeg, G. Busch.

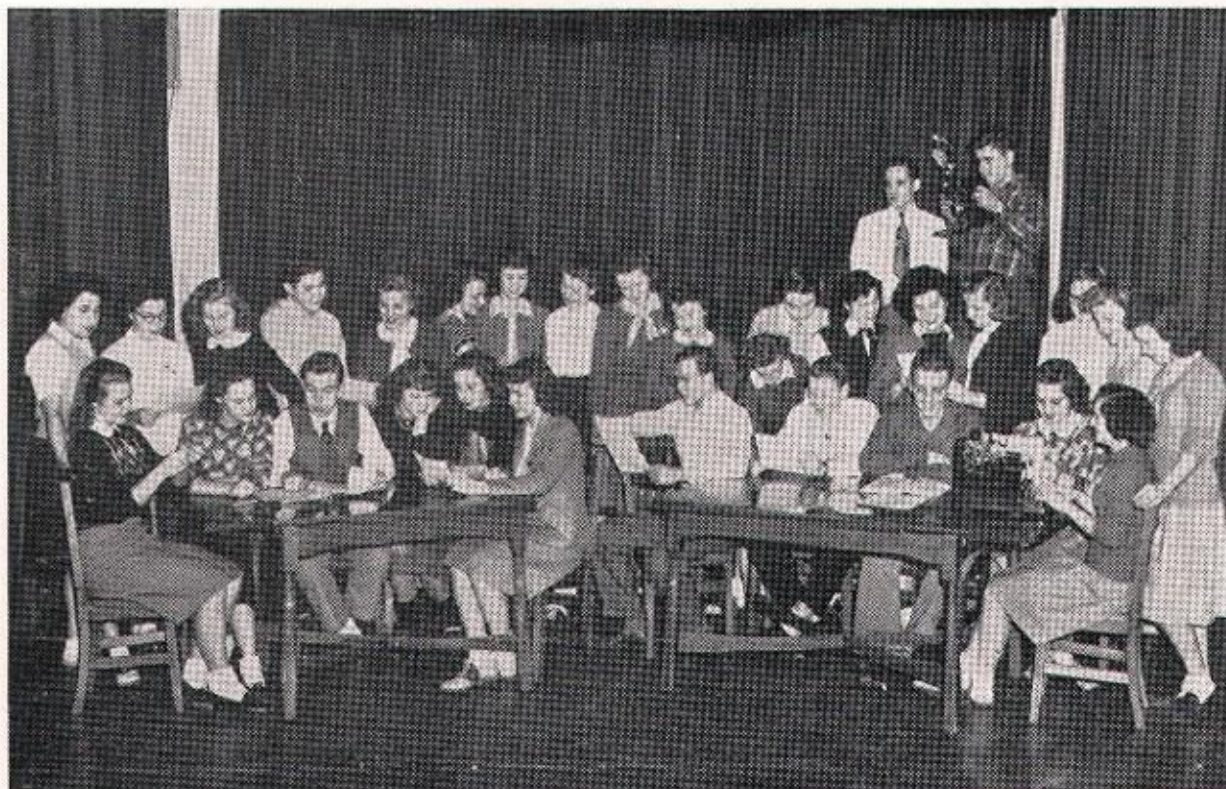
Behind the scenes of every auditorium production in our school, we find a quietly active group — the Assembly Committee. Seldom hitting the headlines with some spectacular accomplishment, its members are, nevertheless, performing their duties with ability and imagination. Working in close co-operation with the Stagecraft Club, this organization assumes the responsibility of lining up assembly sponsors for the year and giving each one practical suggestions for a better program. The committee assigns each home room a definite area on its seating chart at the beginning of the year and also arranges the assembly sequence to provide maximum interest and variety.

Until the Assembly Committee was organized three years ago, West Reading students were not accustomed to having a program every week, and assemblies were called only on special occasions. Admirable progress has been made, and there can be no doubt that our assemblies have become well-planned, full of variety, and consistently better by the efforts of this committee.



First row: Mr. Siedel, Miss Stamm, M. Drehs, D. D'Ercole, Mrs. Bolton, Mr. Fiske.
Second row: F. Hettinger, B. Wolf, P. Hessinger, G. D'Ercole, N. Piscitelli.
Third row: M. Batdorf, R. DeCamillo, M. Leek, J. Robbins, C. Mengel, N. Chapman, S. Luckenbill.

Assembly Committee



Vaquero

Sitting: M. Ammon, B. Haehnel, D. Pottleiger, A. Grauert, S. Richter, P. Haas, C. Reeser, C. Ernst, J. Willwerth, B. Merget, K. Spangenberg.

Standing: J. LeVan, J. Brunner, D. Chambers, R. Angstadt, B. Hartzell, J. Walker, Miss Lemmert, D. Witman, B. Gring, D. Gajewski, N. Herb, M. Drehs, M. McGrath, A. Cucinotta, N. Koenig, C. Bailey, R. Greth, B. Leek, M. Mentzer, R. Rowley.

Absent from picture: E. Cardinal, G. Greene.

The purpose of a yearbook is to comprehensively and to accurately record the events of the school year. This is a very noble and worthy project. But regardless of how high the purpose may be, it also requires a lot of elbow grease. The Vaquero Staff has expended a great deal of time and energy to produce this book and sincerely hopes they have adequately accomplished the task given them.

In charge of the industrious group was Editor David Pottleiger, and the capable and helpful adviser was Miss Dorothy Lemmert. Everyone had a definite job to do, and it was up to the editors of the various departments to see that the members of the groups which they headed did their work efficiently and thoroughly.

The staff does not intend to stop working after the book has been completed, but is going to work on constructive planning to attempt to better the quality of next year's book.

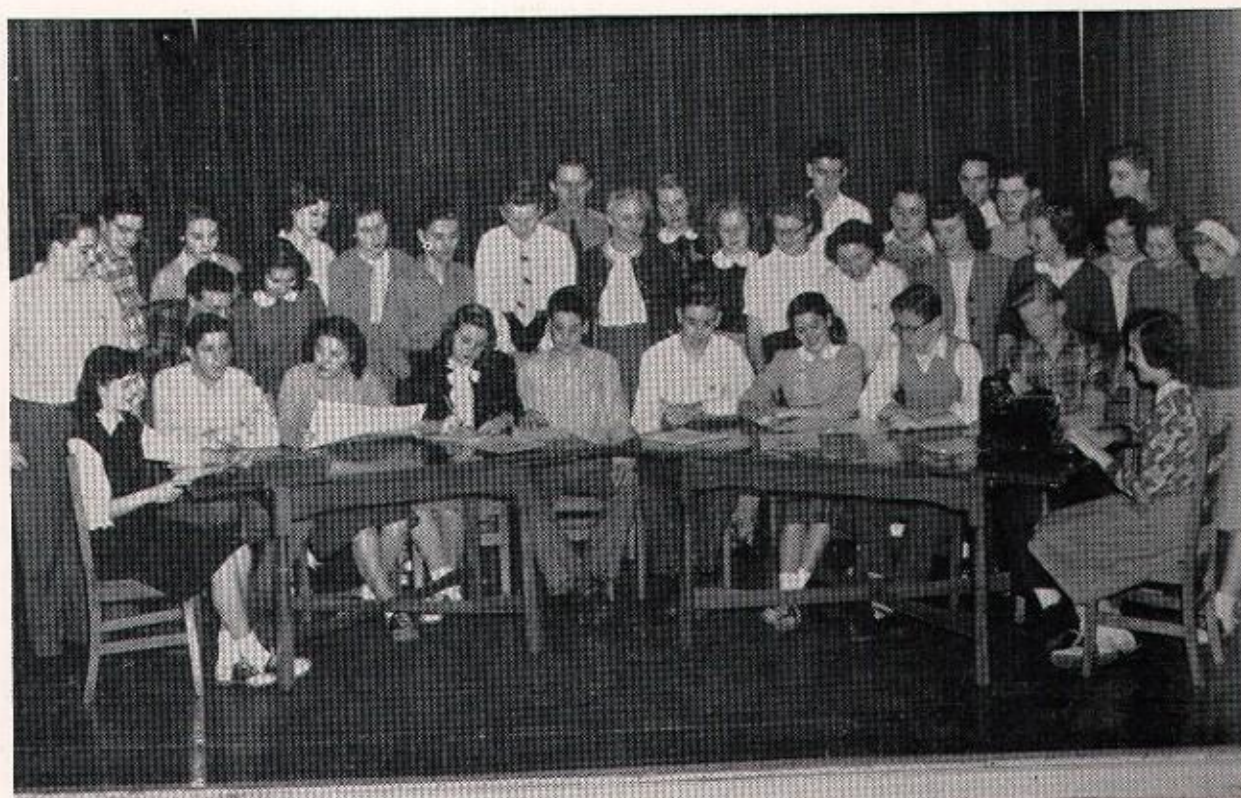
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Every other Friday afternoon as soon as classes are over, the students make a mad dash to their home rooms to get their copy of the Lariat, hot off the press. Growing from the mimeographed publication of a few years ago, the Lariat has become a commercially printed newspaper. It now occupies a prominent position among school activities.

The Lariat meets the demands for every type of news. Its columns range from the gossip "Have You" to the thought provoking editorials of James Robbins, Editor-in-Chief. Mrs. Bolton has freely given of her newspaper knowledge, and the whole staff has worked hard to make the paper a success.

The Lariat's activities have not stopped with putting out the bi-weekly paper. The editors were sent to a press convention, where they learned many helpful pointers; and Mrs. Bolton and the editors have been constantly coaching the staff in correct newspaper technique. The Lariat picnic, resumed after a lapse of a few years, provided some well-earned relaxation for the staff.

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Second row: Miss McDonald, B. Hartzell, P. Haas, J. Walker, C. Gerhart, S. Feick, D. Richter, P. Naylor, Miss Lemmert.

Third row: S. Luckenbill, M. McGrath, B. Merget, K. Spangenberg, C. Bailey, N. Giamo, G. Winters, G. Ohrin, E. Cardinal, B. Leek, C. Showers.

Fourth row: J. LeVan, B. Haehnel, F. Weidenheimer, J. Pleam, D. D'Ercole, B. Wolf, M. Kern, M. Drehs, N. Herb, M. Rankey, P. Ditzler.

Fifth row: A. Moyer, J. Lavigna, J. Rowley, N. Borkert, E. Schnellenbach, J. Cuifci, P. Blankenbiller, G. D'Ercole, J. Grimm, B. Geiss, N. Homan.

Sixth row: J. Graver, D. Disinger, P. Dillon.

That very active group of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade girls who thronged into the school every other Wednesday evening was our high school chapter of the Y-Teens. One of the busiest and most popular organizations in the school, the Y-Teens were constantly putting on interesting programs and planning enjoyable social events.

One of the most thoroughly appreciated programs of the entire year was the flower show held in early spring. A representative from Giles, a well-known local florist, demonstrated to the members the art of arranging flowers and making corsages.

Other activities included a gym night, a well-attended doggie roast, and a visit by Mrs. Sands' theatrical group. The annual W. P. A. Dance and yearly banquet were other highspots of the year's events. In a more serious vein, the Y-Teens packed boxes for distribution at Thanksgiving time and made scrapbooks which were given at Christmas time to the children in the Reading Hospital.

Heading this enterprising organization were the following: Janet Brunner, president; Ann Grauert, vice-president; Siegrid Richter, secretary; and Anna Cucinotta, treasurer. The officers were invaluablely assisted by the two advisers, Miss McDonald and Miss Lemmert.

This organization has successfully performed its worthy objective of teaching young minds that constructive ideas and deeds can be successfully and enjoyably accomplished.

Y-Teen Cabinet



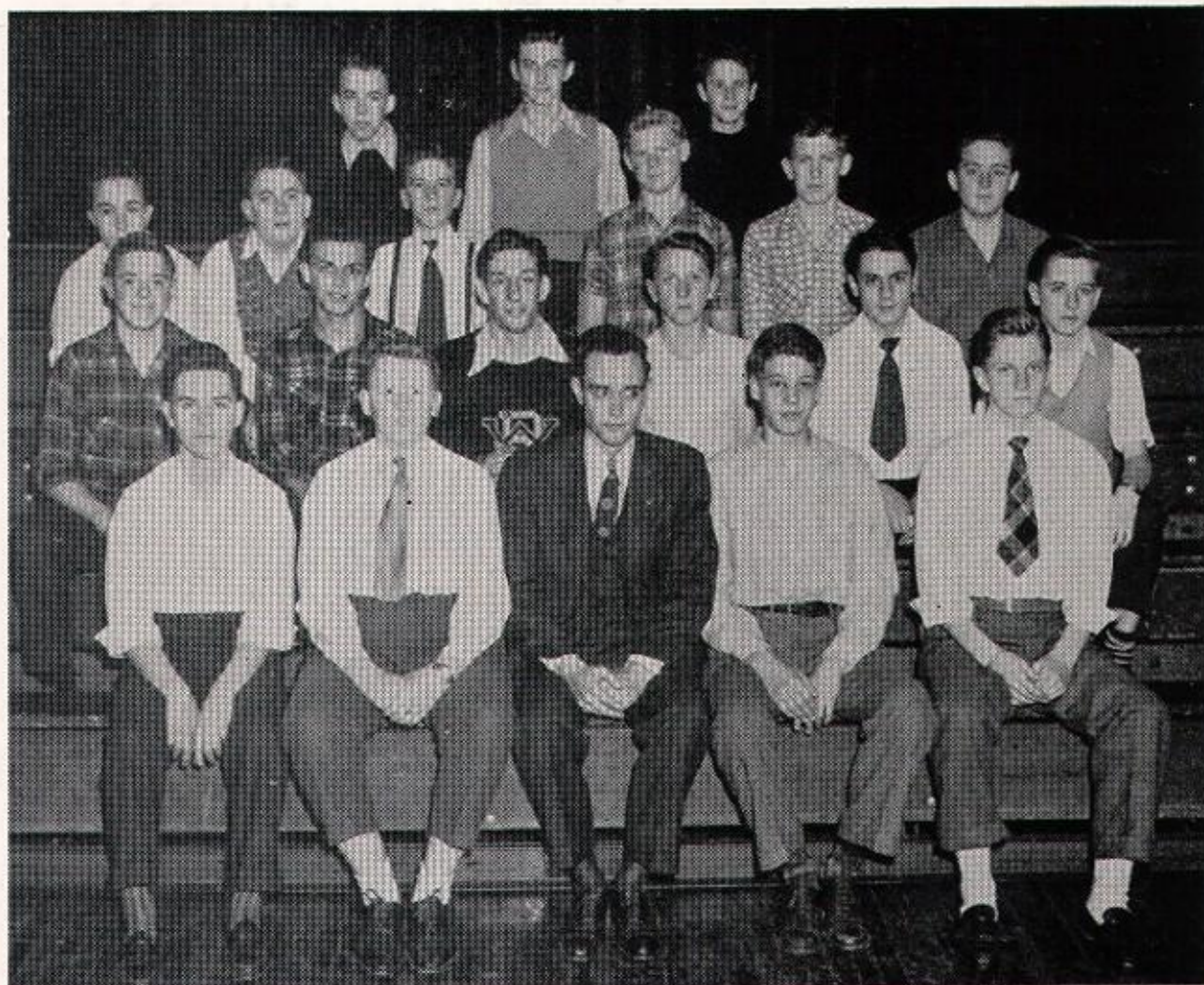
Hi-Y

First row: R. Rickenbach, C. Ernst, Mr. Schaeffer, P. Hoeffler, D. Schlegel.

Second row: J. Spannuth, T. Manzollilo, J. Ephlin, E. Borneman, K. Schnellenbach, P. Bailey.

Third row: T. Harkin, D. Smith, B. Leightheiser, J. Rentschler, G. Bright, R. Stoudt.

Fourth row: W. Naugle, R. Feeg, C. Hiester.



The great voice boomed from the center of the stage, sweeping in all its magnificent tones, crying out its passionate plea for world unity and peace. The speaker paused. Applause began, growing more thunderous with every second as The Reverend Imre Kovacs modestly waited for the expression of praise to abate. "The Challenge of Being an American," his speech, seemed to pervade the very air. The Hi-Y was very proud of itself and the speaker, whom they presented with the aid of the Y-Teens. President Philip Hoeffler gratefully rose to thank the impressive Mr. Kovacs.

This was only a bird's-eye view of the work the Hi-Y club performed in conjunction with their usual meetings and entertainment; the Hi-Y meetings were enlivened at various times by movies and intramural basketball.

Mr. Forrest Schaeffer is to be congratulated for his leadership and interest in the club. Aiding him in this program were the president, Philip Hoeffler; vice president, David Schlegel; secretary, Christopher Ernst; and treasurer, Robert Rickenbach.



Hi-Y Officers



Orchestra

First row: G. Janssen, M. Kullman, R. Reber, G. Ready, J. Robbins, J. Thompson, D. Diener, M. Leek.

Second row: B. Spangenberg, W. Scheck, N. Homan, N. Herb, J. Brunner, R. Angstadt, R. Lelgemann, K. Schnellenbach.

Third row: J. Beyerle, R. McGrath, R. Cremer, D. Geiss, G. Leek, J. Piscitelli, B. Leightheiser, P. Bailey, D. Cherry, J. Mengle, F. Stoyer.

Fourth row: G. Sponagle, J. Rhoda, N. Chapman, J. Raser, D. Graeff, R. Rampolla, R. Lechleitner, B. Weeber, Mr. Barthold.

It is difficult to differentiate between the orchestra and the band in a school the size of West Reading. Most musicians who belong to one of these organizations also belong to the other. Probably the best way to identify these groups is by the uniforms which they wear. The band is attired in colorful maroon and steel uniforms and the orchestra wears tan sport coats, which were made by members of the P. T. A. The uniforms for both groups were obtained during the past year and marked another forward step in the rapid development of these music organizations. Much of this recent advancement has been due to the leadership and effort of Mr. Barthold.

The band was especially conspicuous at football games. The orchestra provided the music for our daily assemblies and special class events. A considerable group of people from these organizations were selected to play in All County Band and All County Orchestra.

First row: R. Reber, J. Thompson, J. Robbins, G. Ready, G. Leek, D. Edwards, G. Janssen, J. McNear.

Second row: D. Diener, B. Spangenberg, R. Miller, C. Engle, L. Talarico, M. Showers, R. Fasshauer, G. Strattan, R. Hoeffler, G. Bordic, J. Weidner.

Third row: R. Lelgemann, J. Beyerle, R. McGrath, R. Cremer, D. Cherry, J. Piscitelli, R. Ellis, W. Reinert, F. Stoyer, K. Baer, J. Mengel, R. DiMascio, B. Burke.

Fourth row: Mr. Barthold, F. Loser, J. Houck, D. Geiss, W. Naugle, B. Leightheiser, P. Bailey, B. Weeber, R. Lechleitner, R. Rampolla.

Fifth row: J. Raser, G. Sponagle, J. Witwer, H. Witwer, T. Gabriel, W. Scheck, R. Korper, M. Leek, K. Schnellenbach, S. Dauber, A. Chirico, D. Goll, J. Rhoda, N. Chapman, D. Graeff.



Band

Mac Dowell Choral Club

First row: G. Flucci, N. Herb, J. Brunner, Mr. Seidel, G. Ready, P. Haas, N. Homan, B. Haehnel.

Second row: E. Stehman, J. Campitelli, J. Graver, H. Lebo, D. Dissinger, S. Feick, C. Showers, J. Cuifci, N. Borkert, P. Dillon.

Third row: B. Geiss, J. Lavigna, B. Wolf, B. Merget, A. Moyer, D. Northeimer, P. Naylor, M. Haas, J. Rowley, M. Batdorf.

Fourth row: J. Pieam, O. Gajewski, M. Kullman, G. Ketner, J. Schollenberger, D. Gajewski, R. Rowley, M. Mentzer, C. Gerhart, P. Blankenbiller, S. Luckenbill.

Fifth row: D. Chambers, W. Naugle, D. Graeff, R. Lechleitner, R. Rampolla, B. Weeber, C. Ernst, E. Mengel, J. Grimm.

Sixth row: J. Killian, A. Fantilli, A. Heckler, R. Keller, G. Greene, R. Stoudt.



This outstanding vocal music organization of W. R. H. S. has grown from a mere group of ten inspired vocalists to an ever-increasing membership of fifty-six eager students. Organized in 1941, the club has since fulfilled many outside engagements as well as the ones in the school and has earned a high reputation as a result of its fine performances.

"The MacDowell," as it is commonly referred to, got its name from the fact that its theme song, "To A Wild Rose," was written by Edward MacDowell.

Mr. Richard D. Seidel, an alumnus of West Reading High School, directed the organization. Officers of the club were: President, Gerald Ready; Vice President, Patricia Haas; Secretary-Treasurer, Janet Brunner.



First row: W. Heister, C. Horn, N. Herb, B. Munroe, Mr. Seidel, J. Engle, J. Cuifci, D. Beldler, V. Stehman.

Second row: L. Weller, B. Reber, J. Flickinger, M. Albert, A. Ferraro, L. Leinbach, M. Brunner, F. Hettinger.

Third row: F. Horn, P. Bright, E. Noecker, F. Klopp, S. Bewley, E. Gastrich, L. Hagenbuch, R. Cardinal, N. Piscitelli.

Fourth row: M. Wertz, A. Porreco, J. McNear, A. Damore, M. DiMascio, E. Bewley, M. Auge, S. Wade, B. Mentzer.

Fifth row: R. Hohl, G. Olwine, J. Speace, S. Bast, J. Auge, J. Porecco, G. Ciervo, J. Spang, J. Kohl.

Junior Chorus



Senior Class Play

The show is on! We've never forgotten the enthusiasm and effort the seniors showed toward their superb production of "January Thaw." The subtle comedy and sparkling lines were the factors that made it a play that will long be remembered by those who saw it.

A writer and his family bought a farm in New England. Matters became complicated when the former owners moved in and reclaimed the property. Mr. Gage, played by Gerald Ready, and Mr. Rockwood, George DeMoss, were constantly having trivial arguments about politics and farming. Mrs. Gage, played by Betty Haehnel, was continually attempting to discourage the old-fashioned ways and ideas of Mrs. Rockwood, Mary Ann Batdorf. The three Gage daughters, played by Marjorie Ammon, Janet Hower, and Dorothy Chambers, were both the joy and despair of their parents.

Rounding out the rest of the cast were Bruce Weeber, James Robbins, Charles Reeser, Richard Keller, David Potteiger, Ann Grauert, and Robert Angstadt.

Each Sunday evening, radio listeners tune in to hear the uproarious antics of "Those Websters." This year a West Reading audience saw "Those Websters" in action when members of the Junior Class presented their hilarious version of the popular radio program.

The plot revolved around Bill's sudden love for his father's secretary, who was only being nice to him when she accepted an invitation to the homecoming football dance. Belinda, his old flame, was crushed by his sudden turn of heart. Bill became so mixed up with his love-life that he flunked a make-up exam in history; consequently, he forfeited his right to play in the homecoming game. The fur flew fast and furious, but there was a happy ending for Bill and Belinda.

The cast included David Schlegel, Katharine Spangenberg, Jean Walker, Gordon Greene, Barbara Batdorf, Joseph Killian, Beth Merget, James Willwerth, Thomas Manzillo, Gloria Winters, James Killian, and Barbara Wolf.

Junior Class Play



Dramatics Club

Lights . . . music . . . curtain . . . the show is on!!! Cast members take a last anxious glance at their lines, for even the best of them experience those typical "first night" chills. Our Dramatics Club is the place for the budding Bernhardts and the potential Barrymores of acting fame. The smell of grease paint, the glare of the footlights, a full house, all hold a fascination for talented W.R.H.S. students; and it is up to these lovers of the stage to present a program on the prominent holidays of the year. Mrs. Brunner and Mrs. Gerhart are always on hand to help the club over the rough spots and iron out any problems that may arise.

Mary Ann Batdorf calls the club to order and is assisted by Marjorie Ammon, vice-president, and Bruce Weeber, secretary-treasurer. These people are all members of the Thespian Society and serve as officers for that organization.



B. Geiss, Mrs. Gerhart, A. Grauert, J. LeVan, J. Grimm, Mrs. Brunner, R. Keller, D. Smith, R. Feeg, M. Batdorf, D. Pottelger, B. Haehnel, G. Busch, S. Richter, B. Weeber.

The main faucet of the dramatic organization was the alert Thespian Troupe, which contributed much to the school in the way of stage offerings. The officers of the Dramatics Club also served as the officers of the Thespian Club, and all Thespians were members of the Dramatics Club. Included in the group's repertoire were the Christmas play and "Easter Shoes." During mid-term the members turned semi-professional with a production of "How to Propose" at a banquet in Whitner's. The proceeds of this show were used to buy new seat covers for stage furniture.

"Easter Shoes," a Thespian production



National Thespian Society



Mr. Schaeffer, D. Potteiger, J. Hower, R. Angstadt, M. Ammon, D. Schlegel.
Absent from picture: J. Walker.

Forensic Club

"Never answer a question with a question!" thundered Mr. Schaeffer, the new dean of the debating club of West Reading High School. Mr. Forrest Schaeffer was considered well-trained to head this promising organization since he was experienced in oratorical skill, as proven by his high school and college debating records. His "pointers" were of invaluable aid to President David Potteiger, Secretary Janet Hower, and Business Manager Jean Walker.

Since this team was the smallest in the short history of our school debating club (consisting of only six members), each Forensic member, therefore, has an opportunity to participate in the County Debates. In those debates, the entire county was divided into a number of triangular divisions, and we were included in the group with Fleetwood and Ontelaunee High Schools.

The school was rightfully proud of this enterprising group, and we have high hopes that the club will continue its richly deserved success.

Every organization needs its bookkeeper, but the financial requirements of the various athletic, class, and other school functions call for more than that. As a consequence, the Banking Club has grown to be an important adjunct in our school set-up. Nine members of

B. Wolf, J. Pleam, M. Kern, D. D'Ercole, B. Gring, A. Williams, R. Witman, A. Cucinotta.



the commercial course do all the depositing, checking, and balance of the bank accounts of different organizations.

In addition to localizing all the financial affairs into one responsible group, it also trains these members in the facts of general banking regulations.

Nicholas Cuifici, as president, has had splendid support from his assistants; and there have been no complaints of shortages. This organization, since its inception, has done a great deal to alleviate the financial problems of the school.

Banking Club

Athletic Association

First row: M. McCarthy, J. Brunner, Mr. Shaner, Mr. Manwiller, J. LeVan, D. Sauber.

Second row: R. Leigemann, B. Hartzell, K. Spangenberg, P. Ephlin, Miss Shephard, E. Cardinal, S. Pottelger, D. Richter.

Third row: P. Hower, B. Burke, M. Auge, E. Bewley, L. Leinbach, R. Cardinal, J. Shaner.

Fourth row: M. Reilly, T. Stoudt, D. Wolf, G. Janssen, R. Feeg, R. Hassler, J. Rentschler.



Everyone is aware of the extensive athletic program conducted in the West Reading High School. But games aren't merely played—sports don't simply happen! Games must be arranged and scheduled, tickets made, teams organized, cheerleaders chosen, equipment purchased, insurance bought, and other tasks must be accomplished by the Athletic Association.

During the 1948 season, President Michael McCarthy presided over meetings and reported to the Athletic Council. When he was absent, Vice President Darl Sauber took command. Secretary Janet Brunner recorded the minutes while Treasurer Mr. Manwiller juggled the books. Since the sponsors, Miss Shephard and Mr. Shaner, called meetings every two weeks, the association realized that every sport season presented new difficulties. It is to the credit of this organization that athletics in West Reading have become a highly specialized game of skill, holding the interest of spectators and players alike.

When we see a football or basketball game, many of us are not aware of the preparation needed to further the sports activity program. The Athletic Council prepares itself weeks ahead of the sport season. Some of their many responsibilities are arranging the schedule, choosing the coach, providing for necessary funds, and last of all, choosing the individual player's award.

The Athletic Council met every month with Mr. Yeich presiding. Miss Shephard and Mr. Manwiller found the positions of secretary and treasurer stimulating and important. Michael McCarthy, student representative, worked arduously with the council to present the games we all enjoyed.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Sitting: M. McCarthy, Mr. Manwiller, Mr. Yeich, Miss Shephard, Mr. Leightheiser.

Standing: Mr. Hubley, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Shaner, Mr. Shalter.



Athletic Council



Camera Club

A group of shutter-bugs, constantly clicking their cameras and dabbling in developer.



Bridge Club

An avid group of bridge players with no room for he who trumps his partner's ace.



Costume Club

The behind-the-scenes group which figures prominently in many of the school's dramatic offerings.



Art Club

An organization for disbursement of the creative urge in the field of art.

Science Club

A group of junior Einsteins busily engaged in exploring things—scientific.



Clipping Club

Members of the fairer sex busily engaged in compiling a scrapbook of the school's published activities.



Stagecraft Club

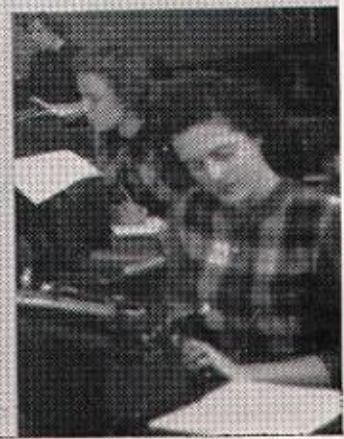
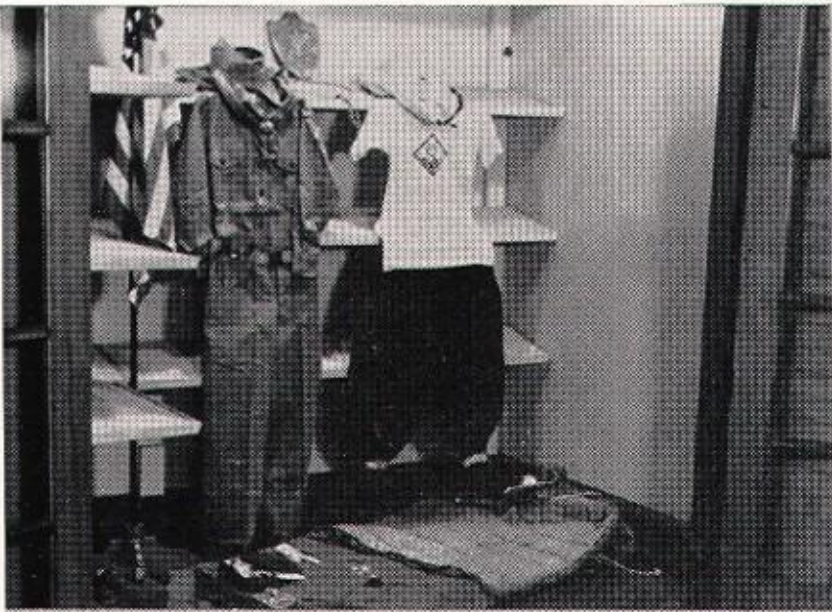
A brother group to the Costume Club performing the more manual tasks of stage techniques.



Junior Red Cross and Foreign Letter Exchange

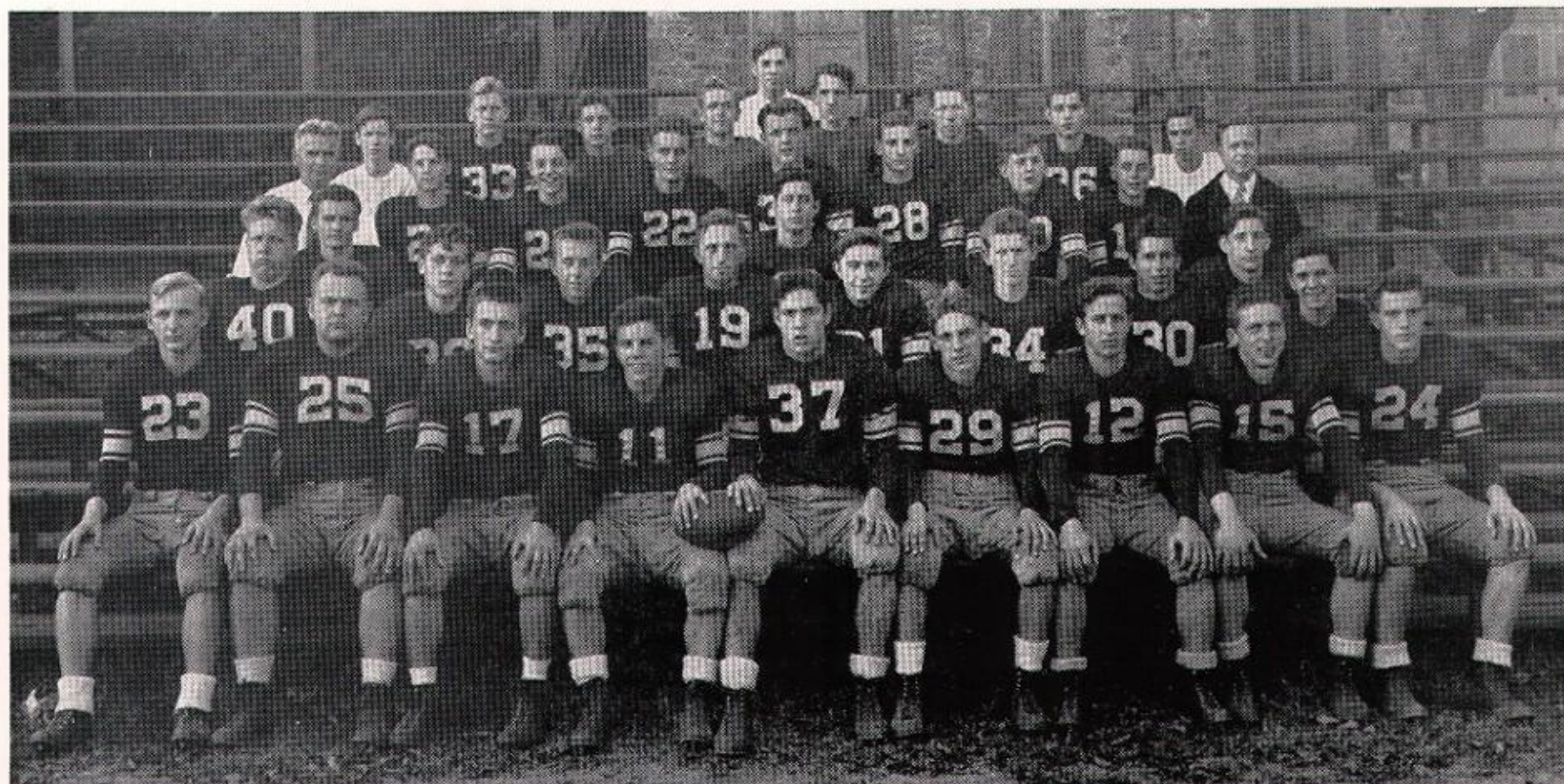
An organization of junior high students concerned with the aid and welfare of children in foreign lands.







Athletics



First row: D. Wolf, D. Evans, J. Brown, M. McCarthy, N. Culfici, W. Focht, A. Fantilli, D. Sauber, E. Mengel.
 Second row: F. Struble, R. Weinman, B. O'Neill, A. Heckler, G. Greene, M. Hartzell, A. Gray, G. Bright, R. Grab, J. Ephlin, T. Stoudt.
 Third row: Mr. Shaner, C. Hiester, C. Cardinal, J. Willwerth, D. Ratajczak, R. Feeg, D. Smith, J. Shaner, Line Coach Shalter.
 Fourth row: Manager T. Cardinal, D. Schlegel, P. Hoeffler, D. Graeff, Head Coach Hubley, R. White, G. Ready, J. Mengel, E. Brown.

Football

"WEST READING REPELS WYOMISSING 25-0!" In spite of the defeats suffered by the football team during the 1947 season, this landslide win made the season a success.

This year Mr. Martin Hubley joined Mr. Shalter and Mr. Shaner on the football coaching staff. The team and coaches worked under terrific pressure, since West Reading had won the football championship with an undefeated team in conference games of the previous year. But their fighting spirit proved a tremendous obstacle to over-confident teams.

The football archives for 1947 revealed that the Cowboys ended in a three-way tie for fourth place. Nevertheless, the Cowboys placed two men on the All-County team—Jack Brown and David "Dumper" Evans. "Dumper" was also selected as the outstanding lineman of the year.

The school went all out to support this fighting team.

SCHEDULE

		W. R.	Opp.
Sept.	20 — Coplay	6	13
	27 — West Pottsgrove	7	0
Oct.	4 — Boyertown	0	13
	11 — Wilson	13	20
	24 — Shillington	0	40
Nov.	1 — Muhlenberg	7	14
	8 — North Coventry	0	20
	15 — Wyomissing	25	0

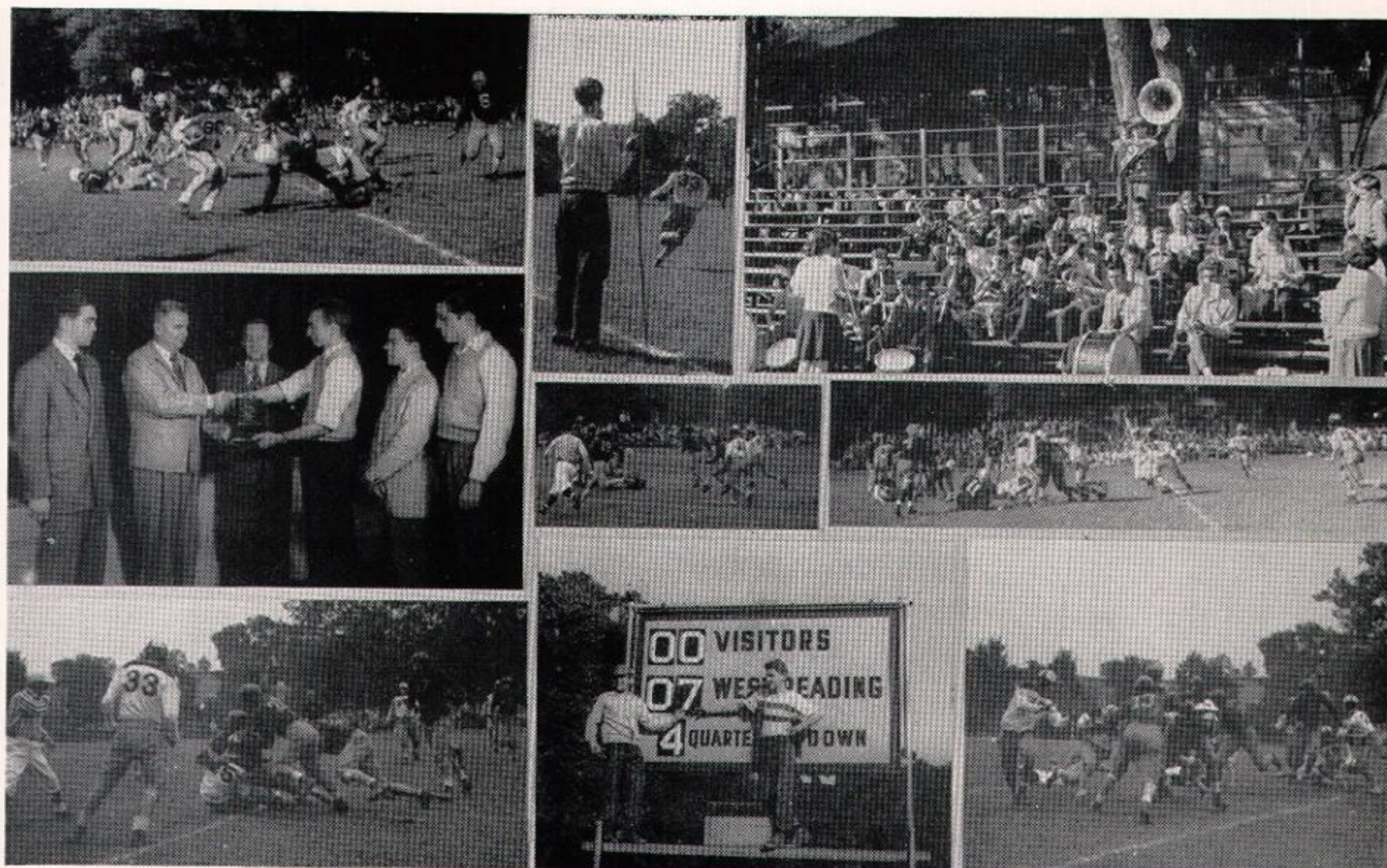
Mr. Martin F. Hubley

During the past year a new mentor, Mr. Martin F. Hubley, took charge of football duties at West Reading High School. Assisted by Mr. John Shalter, line coach of the team for the past few years, Mr. Hubley capably performed his coaching duties. Working right along with the boys, the new coach has gained his team's respect and confidence. If you've ever watched Mr. Hubley coach from the bench, you know just how hard he works to win those games. We're expecting great things of West Reading High football teams in the future.



MR. HUBLEY

Football Highlights





Varsity Basketball

Kneeling: Manager R. Weinman, C. Reeser, Coach Shaner, J. Brown, Manager T. Manzollilo.

Standing: M. Hartzell, R. Witman, G. Janssen, D. Ratajczak, J. Ephlin, N. Cuifici, D. Evans, D. Wolf.

Once again as we reminisce over the basketball season, West Reading High School can be proud of their Cowboy quintet and the splendid work this team has done.

In completing their season of fourteen league games in the Central Division, the Shanermen established a record of nine wins and five losses, drawing a tie for third place with Birdsboro. Incidentally, this is the fourth consecutive year that we have had a 9-5 record in this varsity sport.

Entering the playoffs for the second year in succession, West Reading succeeded in defeating the Birds by a 39-36 score after being defeated twice by them during the season. Following the defeat of Birdsboro, the Cowboys traveled to Lebanon where they encountered the basketteers from Annville. In this battle, W. R. H. S. was defeated 37-40, thus ending their season.

The top scorer for the varsity squad was Nick Cuifici with a total of 160 markers to his tally. Following close to Nick's heels was Bunny Witman with 153 points to his credit.

SCHEDULE

	OPP.	W.R.	OPP.	W.R.
Birdsboro	36	23	46	45
Wilson	46	29	33	40
Shillington	44	57	72	60
Mohnton	29	46	39	43
Muhlenberg	40	42	46	47
Mt. Penn	33	31	31	41
Wyomissing	38	65	34	41
Alumni	46	45		



Junior Varsity Basketball

Kneeling: C. Hiester, Mr. Hubley, A. Gray.

Standing: J. Willwerth, A. Heckler, J. Green, R. Feeg, P. Hoeffler, G. Bright, B. O'Neill.



The Junior Varsity, under the coaching of Mr. Martin F. Hubley, had one of the most successful seasons in recent years. This squad had a final tally of ten games won and four lost. The team stood second in the league, tied with Mt. Penn, and topped by Wilson, the league champion.

Spark plug of the J. V.'s was Dave Schlegel, who racked up 127 points to become the team's leading scorer. Andy Gray, newcomer to the team, copped second place with a total of 110 points.

Once again our Baby Cowboys, the junior high team, played a fine season of basketball. The team placed second in their league, bowing only to the Baby Prexies from Wilson High. Top scorers for the Baby Cowboys were Jack Shaner, Karl Schnellenbach, and Jim Rentschler.

Kneeling: D. Richert, J. Beyerle, J. Spannuth, J. Shaner, B. Leightheiser.

Standing: J. Rhoda, B. Brown, K. Schnellenbach, Mr. Hubley, D. Straub, J. Rentschler, T. Cardinal.



Junior High Basketball



Girls' Basketball

First row: P. Haas, B. Hartzell, C. Bailey, J. Hower, J. LeVan, K. Spangenberg, M. McGrath.

Second row: D. D'Ercole, C. Horn, E. Cardinal, L. Haehnel, B. Wolf, E. Schnellenbach, B. Batdorf.

Third row: J. Cuifici, N. Borkert, S. Luckenbill, P. Naylor, H. Lebo, Miss Shephard, H. Bewley, B. Merget, J. Lavigna, J. Bouchat, D. Siegfried.

The girls' basketball team wound up their best season in over a decade in 1947-48. Our Cowgirls, coached by Miss Agnes Shephard and captained by Janet Hower, faced a tough twelve-game schedule. Final record—four losses in twelve starts.

Kitty Spangenberg, serving her first year on the team, led the sharpshooters with 78 points. Runnerup laurels went to Barbara Batdorf with 68 counters and Janet Hower with 51. The Cowgirls had a strong defense which held every opponent to less than 30 points per game.

SCHEDULE

	OPP.	W.R.	OPP.	W.R.
Wilson	16	33	19	19
Birdsboro	22	22	19	27
Shillington	12	37	26	32
Mohnton	26	18	28	32
Muhlenberg	14	24	15	23
Mt. Penn	17	16	17	15

Over the net—three passes—hit it twice—with these words ringing in their ears, our girls' volleyball team started off on their long series of practices and league games.

The Cowgirls matched their skills with Mt. Penn, Shillington, Wilson, Mohnton, and Muhlenberg during the season.



Sitting: J. LeVan, E. Schnellenbach, B. Hartzell, J. Hower, C. Bailey, P. Haas, E. Cardinal.
Kneeling: D. Siegfried, J. Cuifici, C. Horn, B. Wolf, B. Batdorf, M. McGrath.

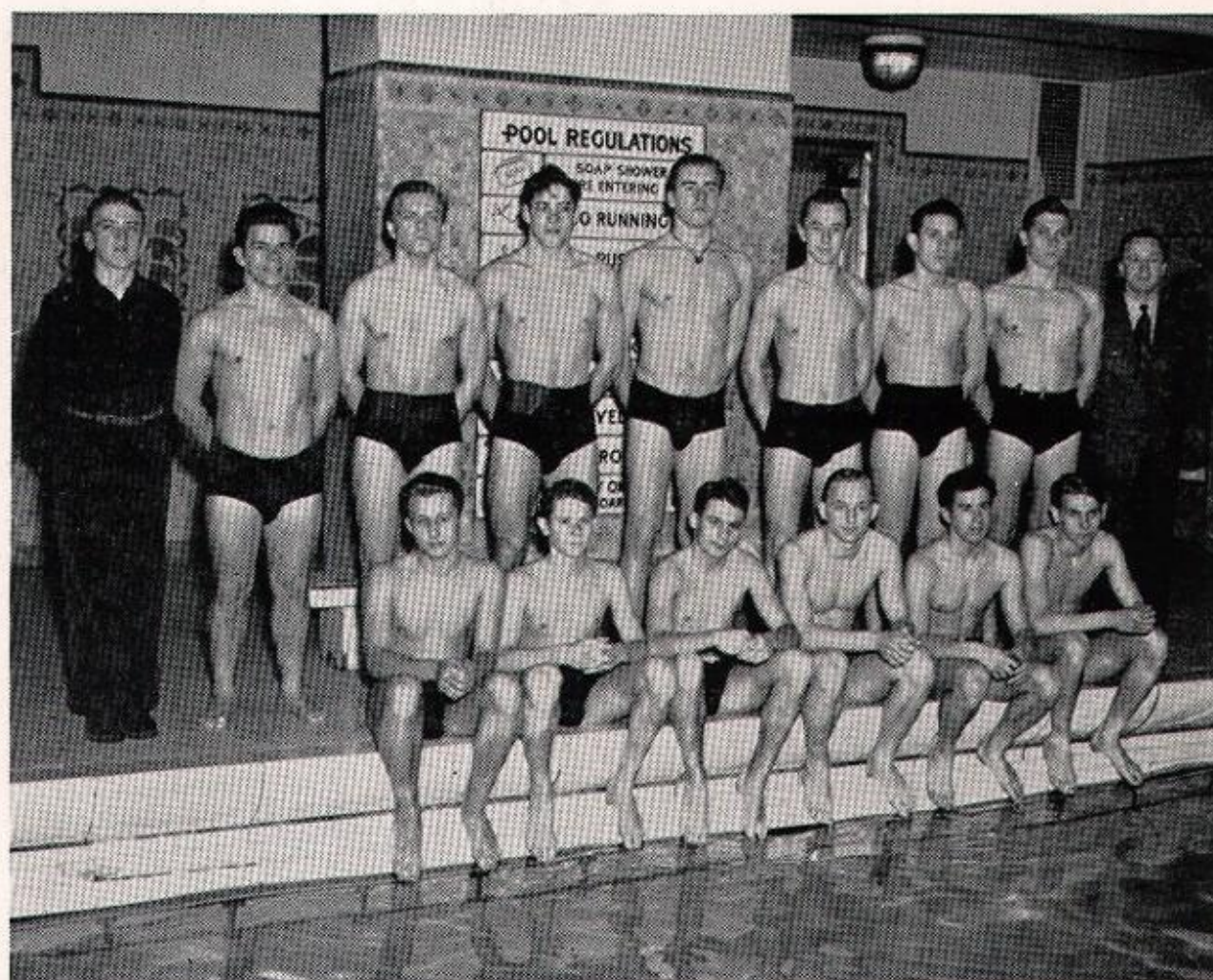
Standing: C. Gerhart, H. Bewley, J. Lavigna, P. Ephlin, S. Luckenbill, L. Haehnel, R. Leigemann, R. Nagle, Miss Shephard.

Girls' Volleyball

Swimming

Standing: Manager B. Leight-
helser, M. McCarthy, C. Reeser,
N. Cuifici, R. Lechleitner, A.
Heckler, J. Straub, B. O'Neill,
Coach Shalter.

Sitting: G. Busch, C. Hlester, K.
Schnellenbach, D. Wolf, R. Grab,
W. Focht.



The West Reading mermen have done it again! Not only was the team undefeated in league competition and victorious in the league championship meet, but we also added the state diving title to our already bulging collection of swimming honors.

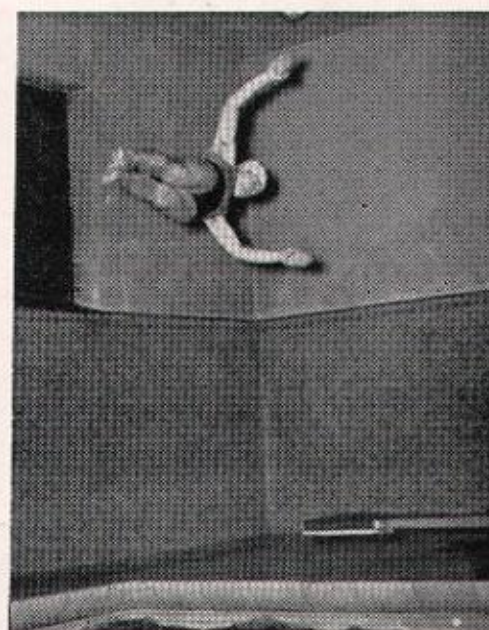
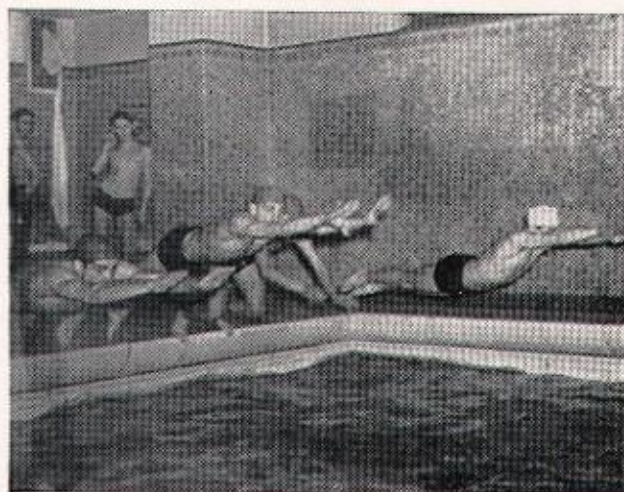
The Cowboys submerged Reading, Shillington, Wilson, Muhlenberg, and Mt. Penn in again winning the league toga. This marks the fifth straight year our team has "brought home the bacon" in league warfare.

Individual star of the team was Mickey McCarthy, who came through to win top state honors in diving. A third place win in the meet at Penn State by the relay team of McCarthy, Nick Cuifici, Dick Grab, and Bill Focht and Cuifici's seventh place finish in the 50 yard freestyle enabled the team to place fourth in competition with twenty-three of Pennsylvania's finest swimming teams.

The state meet marked the conclusion of another excellent season in swimming — the only sport at West Reading where failure to win a championship would cause more surprise than actually winning one.

SCHEDULE

	W.R.	OPP.
<i>Jan.</i>		
7—Lancaster	24	38
12—Hershey	47	19
26—Lancaster	23	36
<i>Feb.</i>		
18—Hershey	32	34
21—District 3 PIAA		
27—Reading	36	25
28—Regional Finals		
<i>Mar.</i>		
2—Shillington	56	8
3—Mt. Penn	45	12
6—State Finals		
10—Wilson	55	6
17—Muhlenberg	48	13
24—Championship		





Baseball

BASEBALL

First row: G. Janssen, J. Shaner, G. Metz, A. Heckler, A. Williams, D. Evans.

Second row: J. Rhoda, A. Fantilli, R. Grab, N. Cuifici, A. Gray, J. Green, R. Witman.

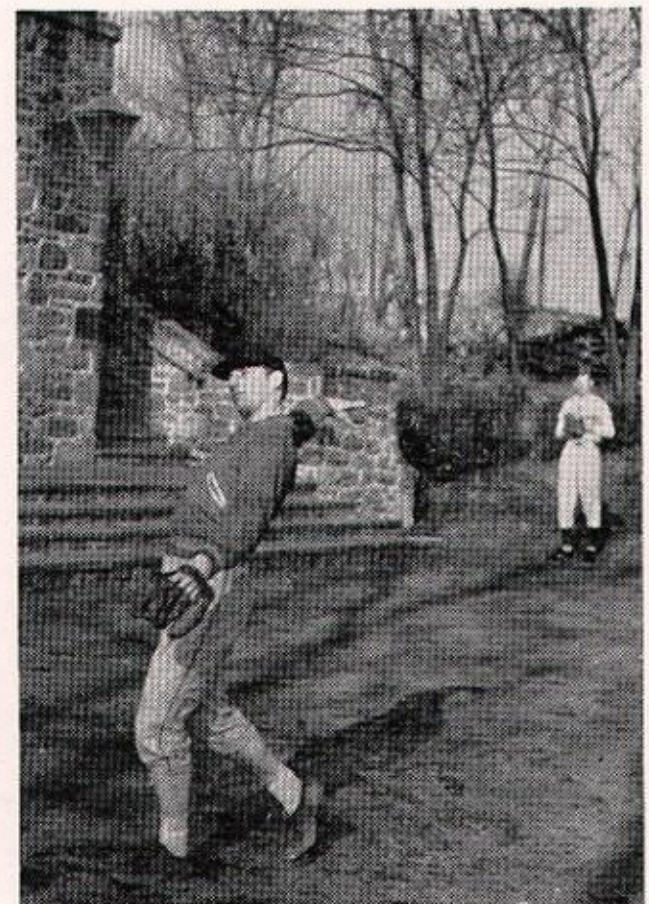
Third row: D. McDonald, D. Reichert, R. Leisey, B. Brown, J. Ephlin, R. Lechleitner, J. Beyerle, J. Rentschler, Coach Shalter.

America's favorite game always attracts a large following of both spectators and participants, and this year will prove no exception. The Cowmen will meet some stiff league competition this season but will be fighting hard to better the 1947 season record of two games won and seven lost. An 8-4 victory in the opening day game with Wyomissing, our traditional rivals, augurs well for the team's success in accomplishing this goal.

The baseball team, as do most of our athletic teams, plays in a powerful league; and the boys of the ball and bat will definitely have to be on their toes to win any game. At any rate, Coach Shalter and the boys have been working hard; and win or lose, we know they'll have done their best.

SCHEDULE

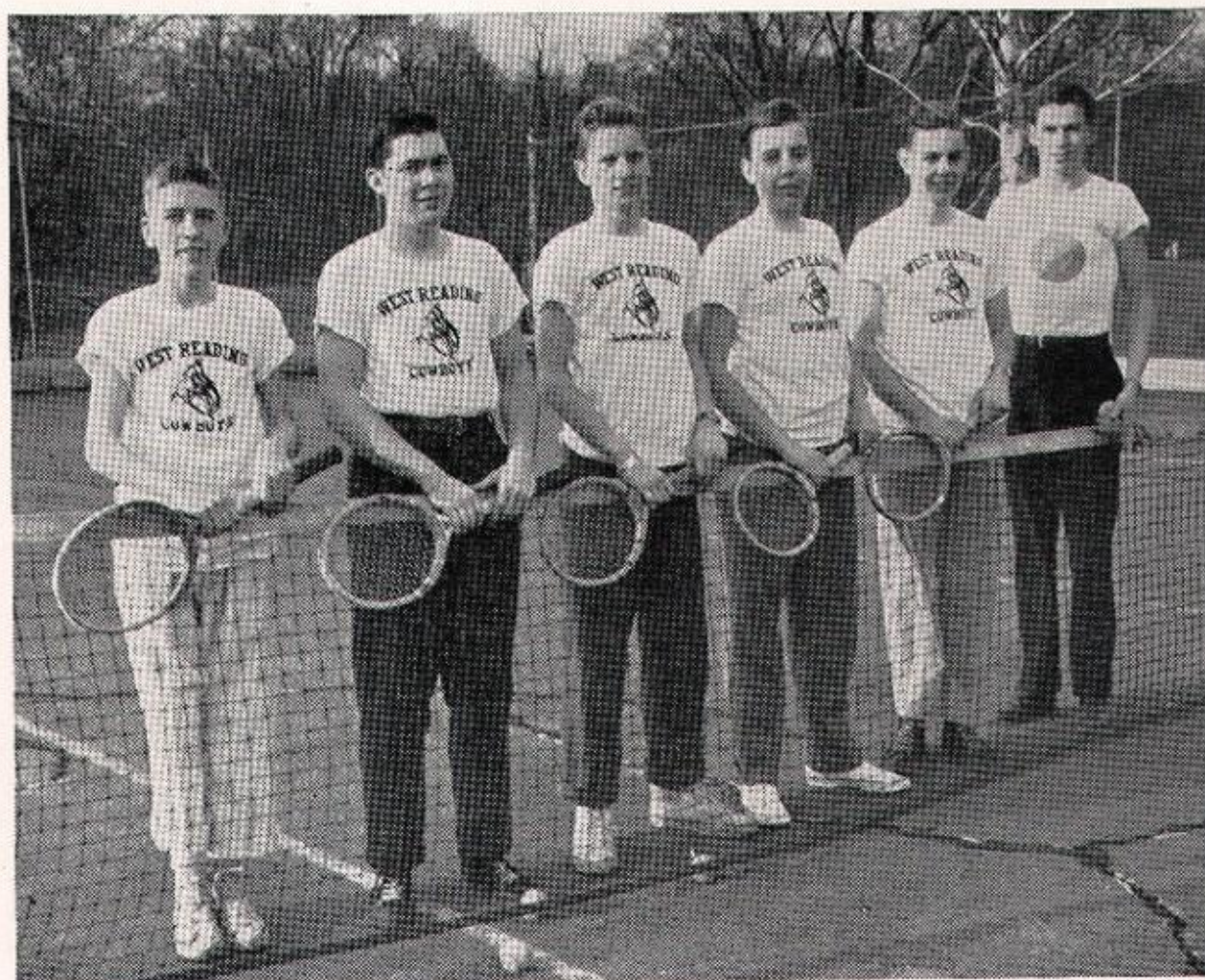
April	5	—	Wyomissing at West Reading
	8	—	West Reading at Muhlenberg
	12	—	Mt. Penn at West Reading
	15	—	West Reading at Wilson
	19	—	Shillington at West Reading
	22	—	West Reading at Wyomissing
	26	—	Muhlenberg at West Reading
	29	—	West Reading at Mt. Penn
May	3	—	Wilson at West Reading
	6	—	West Reading at Shillington



Boys' Tennis

BOY'S TENNIS

B. Leightheiser, R. Angstadt, D. Schlegel, D. Pottleiger, J. Robbins, Manager B. Weeber.



When the weather begins to get a little warmer and spring arrives, many a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of tennis. So it's out with the trusty racquets and off to another tennis season. This year's squad will be largely composed of veterans. Returning from the team of a season ago are James Robbins, David Pottleiger, Robert Angstadt, and David Schlegel. Newcomers are Nicholas Cuifici and Bernard Leightheiser.

Tennis has been gathering increased interest in Berks County; and the tennis league, formed only last year, has already welcomed two new entries, Hamburg and Fleetwood. West Reading's entry in the league is unique in that it is the only team with a woman coach. Miss Agnes Shephard has taken over the duty of coaching West Reading's team.

In the past season's league warfare, West Reading captured second place. This season they'll be out to wrest the tennis crown from Shillington's undefeated monarchs of last year. If the Cowboys make a good showing in their league matches, they may send representatives to the PIAA District 3 playoffs.



SCHEDULE

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| April | 16 | — | Muhlenberg at West Reading |
| | 20 | — | West Reading at Shillington |
| | 23 | — | Fleetwood at West Reading |
| | 27 | — | West Reading at Hamburg |
| May | 4 | — | West Reading at Muhlenberg |
| | 6 | — | Shillington at West Reading |
| | 8 | — | Berks Scholastic Tournament, Shillington |
| | 11 | — | West Reading at Fleetwood |
| | 13 | — | Hamburg at West Reading |
| | 15 | — | PIAA District 3 Meet, Lancaster |



Boys' Track

Sitting: J. Beyerle, D. Reichert, R. McGrath, N. Chapman, G. Sponagle, P. Bailey, T. Cardinal, W. Reger.

Kneeling: T. Manzillo, F. Betz, J. Shaner, K. Schnellenbach, J. Spannuth, W. Kaley, J. Rent-schler, F. Loser, R. Grab, A. Fantilli.

Standing: G. DeMoss, D. Wolf, G. Ready, G. Greene, J. Thompson, D. Ratajczak, J. Killian, R. Lechleitner, A. Heckler, R. Feeg, M. Hartzell, C. Reeser, A. Gray, Coach Shaner.

Track has been enjoying a steady rise in interest among the students of West Reading High School. Last season's team was one of the largest in recent years and had one of the best records of the past few seasons, including a fourth place win in the county meet at Albright. This same team captured third place in the District 3 track and field meet at Lancaster and entered two relay teams in the Lebanon Relays, both of which snared third place.

With many veterans returning from last year's squad and a host of newcomers turning out, we may expect another good season in this sport. The West Reading Interscholastic Meet is sure to be of prime interest for all the citizens of the borough. This meet is one of the three big school track meets held among Berks County schools and is sure to arouse a great deal of interest.



SCHEDULE

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| April | 2—School Track Meet (Jr. & Sr. High) |
| | 9—Triangular Meet at West Reading
(Shillington, Wyomissing, West Reading) |
| | 17—Albright College Meet |
| | 21—Triangular Meet at West Reading
(Mohnton, West Reading, Mt. Penn) |
| | 23—Jr. High School Meet |
| | 24—Penn Relays |
| May | 1—West Reading Interscholastics |
| | 5—Venzke Relays |
| | 8—Shillington Meet |
| | 11—Lebanon Relays |
| | 15—District 3 Meet |

Hockey Team

First row: M. Drehs, C. Bailey, B. Batdorf, J. Brunner, M. Ammon, Miss Shephard, K. Spangenberg, M. McGrath, B. Wolf, E. Schnellenbach.

Second row: T. Borkert, B. Burke, C. Horn, B. Haehnel, J. Hower, B. Hartzell, J. Cuifici, L. Haehnel, P. Naylor, R. Lelgemann, J. LeVan.



The Philadelphia All-Stars Hockey Team would turn green with envy at a practice of the West Reading girls' hockey team. Imagine them cringing jealously as they watched a perfect twenty-five yard line bully executed! The incredulous look of wonder on their faces would be caused by the clever maneuver that enabled the girls to score a goal. This was practice. While the team had a fairly successful season, they also won a moral victory with their teamwork and fair play.

Center Janet Hower, who was also captain of the team, led the list of retiring seniors this year. Among the girls were June Levan, right guard; Janet Brunner, right fullback; Betty Haehnel, left halfback; and Marjorie Ammon, manager.

SCHEDULE

	OPP.	W.	RDG.		OPP.	W.	RDG.
Wilson	0	1		North Coventry	3	1	
Mohnton	4	0		Wilson	0	3	
Shillington	2	0		Berks County	1	1	
Shillington	0	0		Mohnton	2	1	

"We've got the pep!" and "Go! Cowboys! Go!" rang out at many pep rallies and games, always led by the energetic cheerleaders dressed in their snappy maroon and steel uniforms. These girls were on hand at every football and basketball game to spur the spectators on to root for their alma mater and to keep up the morale of the West Reading teams.

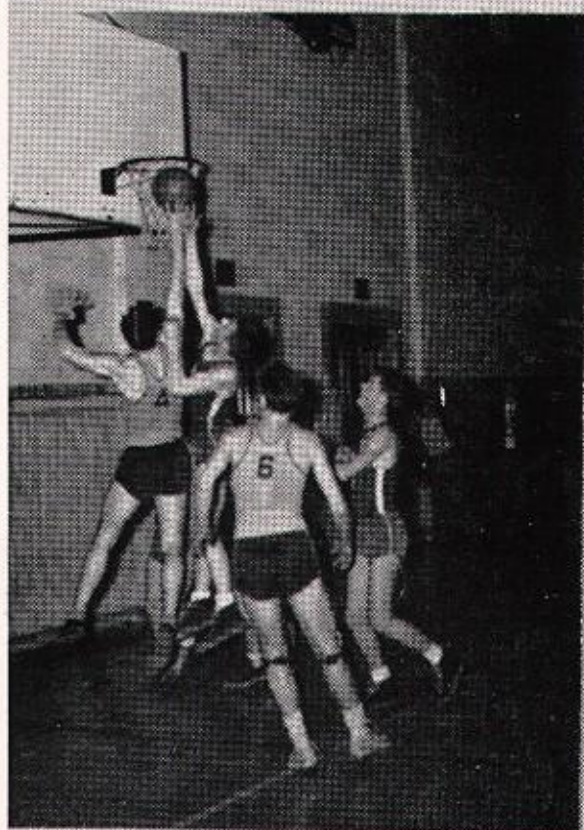
Next year the pert and pretty cheering squad will find themselves without the aid of Janet Brunner, Evelyn Cardinal, and Janet Hower, seniors in the departing 1948 class.

Kneeling: E. Cardinal, J. Brunner, C. Bailey, J. Hower, B. Hartzell, G. Winters, K. Spangenberg.

Standing: B. Focht, G. Ohrin, L. Haehnel, N. Glamo, J. Cuifici, Miss Shephard.

Cheerleaders







Underclassmen



Juniors

First row: M. Kullman, C. Gerhart, M. Mentzer, R. Rowley, M. McGrath, B. O'Neill, A. Williams, B. Batdorf, C. Bailey, B. Hartzell, J. Walker, N. Herb.
 Second row: M. Kern, O. Gajewski, A. Ernst, F. Weidenheimer, M. Rankey, G. Ketner, D. D'Ercole, N. Giamo, G. Ohrin, G. Winters, J. Schollenberger, K. Spangenberg.
 Third row: R. Weinman, E. Borneman, T. Stoudt, J. Pleam, D. Witman, M. Drehs, P. Ditzler, B. Merget, B. Wolf, C. Hiester, J. Weidner.
 Fourth row: J. Green, J. Maley, R. Weller, R. Grab, J. Willwerth, T. Manzolillo, A. Heckler, W. Focht, C. Ernst, P. Hoeffler, M. Hartzell.
 Fifth row: Miss Lemmert, G. Janssen, R. White, J. Ephlin, J. Killian, D. Graeff, G. Greene, D. Ratajczak, J. Mengel, W. Naugle, R. Greth, Mr. Schaeffer.

Is there a junior in the house? You can't possibly miss them, for this large, sprawling class had a finger in every school pie. Led by their enthusiastic president, and vice-president, Benjamin O'Neill and Alan Williams respectively, the rollicking junior's elusiveness made it difficult for their secretary, Myrna McGrath, to keep pace with their various activities; and Barbara Batdorf realized how trying a treasurer's position was for such an immense class.

One of the highlights of the 1947-48 season for the juniors was their annual prom, "Winter Wonderland," held on December 29. Other prominent affairs were the skating parties and the class play, "Those Websters." Between social events they augmented their treasury by selling programs at football games.

Good luck "Forty-niners!"

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

BENJAMIN O'NEILL . . . *President*
 MYRNA MCGRATH . . . *Secretary*
 BARBARA BATDORF . . . *Treasurer*
 ALAN WILLIAMS . . . *Vice President*





Sophomores

First row: D. Northelmer, A. Moyer, G. Fiucci, E. Stehman, G. Busch, B. Focht, J. Campitelli, R. Feeg, B. Wertz, E. Unger, J. Cuifici, P. Blankenbiller.
 Second row: B. Geiss, D. Pellegrino, A. Maley, G. D'Ercole, D. Siegfried, J. Rowley, T. Borkert, J. Graver, G. Johnston, P. Dillon, D. Dissinger, S. Feick.
 Third row: Mrs. Bolton, J. Lavigna, H. Bewley, E. Schnellenbach, S. Luckenbill, M. Haas, N. Homan, P. Ephlin, H. Lebo, P. Naylor, J. Grimm, D. Richter, C. Showers, Miss Fritz.
 Fourth row: M. Gehringer, D. Edwards, L. Runkle, R. Ellis, J. Raser, F. Loser, P. Gring, J. Keim, M. Reilly, R. DiMascio, R. Leisey, A. Gray, R. Rickenbach, D. Smith, L. Strattan.
 Fifth row: F. Stoyer, R. Stoudt, J. Thompson, E. Brown, R. Lechleitner, C. Cardinal, G. Bright, R. Rampolla, A. Fantilli, T. Harkin, H. Klinger.

That special little observance, known as initiation, is exclusively reserved for the Sophomore Class. This fact alone would put an air of distinction upon this group, but the Tenth Graders have distinguished themselves in many other ways. This large class has provided many active members for West Reading's school organizations.

Leaders of the Sophomore Class were: Roger Feeg, president; Gerald Busch, vice president; Tina Borkert, secretary; Barbara Focht, treasurer. Miss Fritz and Mrs. Bolton, class sponsors, were always ready to lend a helping hand to the group.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

BARBARA FOCHT . . . *Treasurer*
 TINA BORKERT . . . *Secretary*
 ROGER FEEG . . . *President*
 GERALD BUSCH . . . *Vice President*



Freshmen

First row: J. Spang, B. Munroe, B. Burke, K. Schnellenbach, J. Shaner, C. Horn, B. Leightheiser, J. Porecco, G. Ciervo, R. Nagle.
 Second row: E. Helster, M. Albert, J. Flickinger, R. Leigemann, J. Engle, B. Churan, L. Hachnel, D. Beidler, J. Bouchat, J. Crocona, W. Keller.
 Third row: Mr. Hubley, W. Kaley, J. Spannuth, A. Bewley, B. Brown, E. Wunsch, F. Struble, D. Straub, W. Reger, J. Rentschler, Miss Stamm.
 Fourth row: J. Houck, J. Beyerle, M. Leek, D. McDonald, T. Cardinal, R. Reber, G. Leek, D. Reichert, R. Fidler, N. Chapman, J. Rhoda, P. Bailey.

This year the class of 1951 terminated their life in Junior High School. Under the guidance of homeroom deans, Miss Stamm and Mr. Hubley, the Ninth Grade actively participated in various school projects. The officers, who were John Shaner, president; Bernard Leightheiser, Jr., vice president; Carolyn Horn, secretary; and Karl Schnellenbach, treasurer; did a satisfactory job in leading their class to the completion of a worthwhile school term. The Junior High basketball team consisted of all Freshmen and boasted an 8-4 record. Ninth Graders also took part in football, track, baseball, swimming, tennis, and hockey. Credit must be given to the girls who gave their time in cheering our teams to victory.

We hope their entrance to Senior High will prove prosperous.

FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS

BERNARD LEIGHTHEISER . . . *Vice President*
 CAROLYN HORN . . . *Secretary*
 JOHN SHANER, JR. . . . *President*
 KARL SCHNELLENBACH . . . *Treasurer*





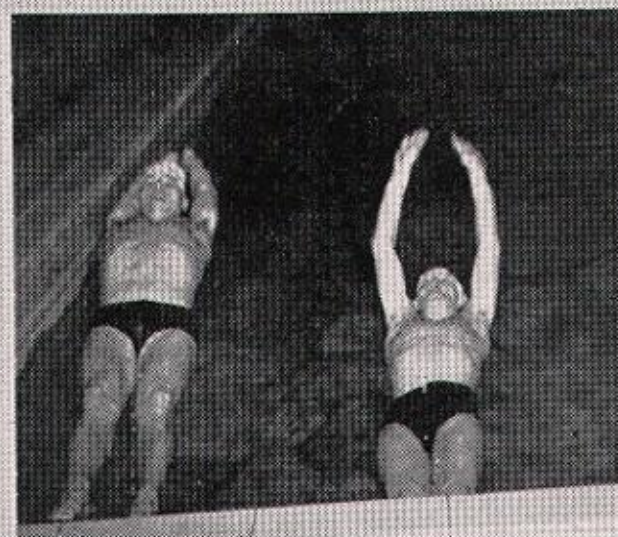
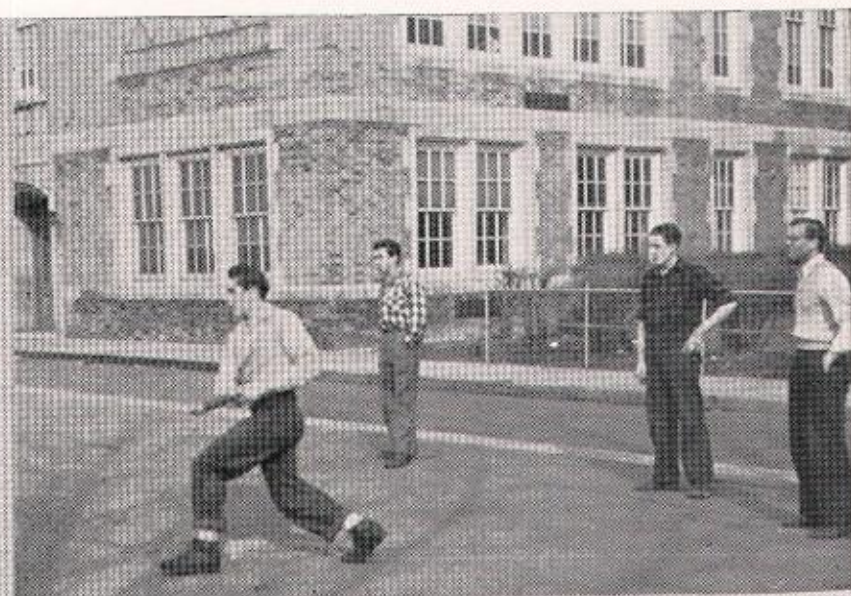
EIGHTH GRADE

First row: S. Bast, B. Mentzer, S. Wade, F. Hettinger, I. Pottelger, Vice President; M. DiMascio, Secretary; P. Hower, President; M. Showers, Treasurer; P. Bright, S. Borst, W. Scheck, E. Bewley.
 Second row: T. Cullen, J. Reinert, T. McAlees, C. DeCamillo, D. Weidenheimer, M. Auge, R. Hohl, S. Bewley, A. Damore, J. McNear, A. Porreco, J. Piscitelli, F. Weidner, D. Cherry.
 Third row: K. Neuroth, R. Ellis, G. Rowley, R. Weller, P. Ferraro, T. Voelker, R. Kaley, R. Kelchner, R. Cremer, D. Diener, J. Munroe, D. Grossberg, J. Witwer, R. McGrath, C. Baer, J. Fantilli.
 Fourth row: Mr. Manwiller, G. Ditzler, R. Howe, W. Rowley, L. Talarico, W. Runkle, G. Sponagle, D. Hehnley, R. Latshaw, G. Straub, F. Wagner, J. Brawn, Mrs. Gresh.
 Fifth row: L. Klinger, R. Hessler, N. Metz.



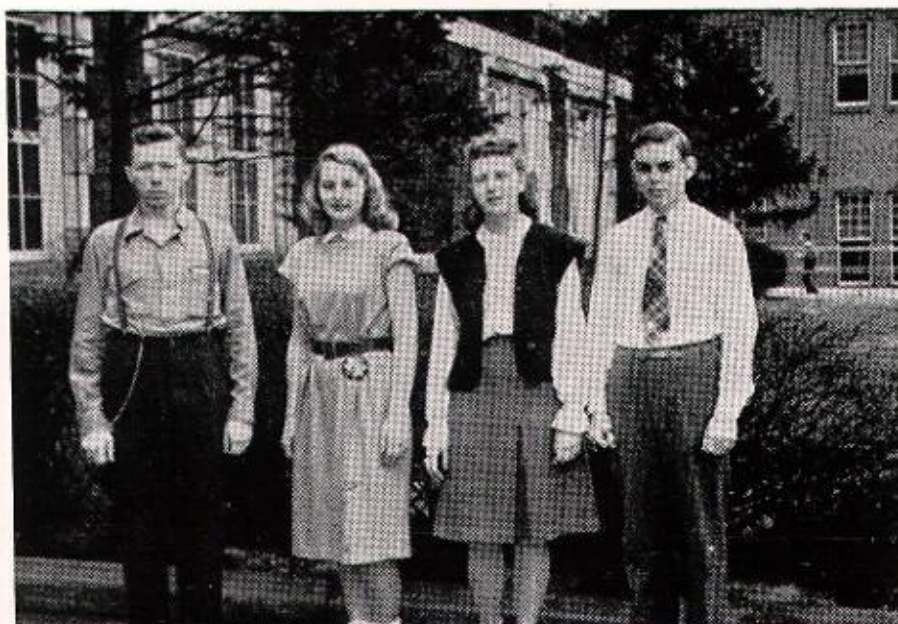
SEVENTH GRADE

First row: B. Reber, M. Brunner, N. Piscitelli, J. Auge, Treasurer; B. Spangenberg, President; R. Cardinal, Vice President; F. Horn, Secretary; L. Leinbach, J. Cuifci, S. Pottelger, V. Stehman, J. McKentley.
 Second row: G. Nagle, J. Spease, P. Becker, W. Hlester, M. Wertz, R. Howe, G. Olwine, L. Weller, A. Ferraro, P. Holdeman, P. Hessinger, L. Hagenbuch, D. Geiss.
 Third row: Mrs. Gerhart, N. Cucinotta, S. Kulga, D. Busch, R. Miller, C. Engel, H. Witwer, C. Wagner, N. Epler, R. Bright, B. Hoke, K. Sweitzer, D. Entzminger, J. Confair.
 Fourth row: F. Moser, L. Rentschler, R. Spangler, R. Kline, J. Bowers, J. Jones, B. Rogers, D. Stout, G. Strattan, D. Hunter, A. Spannuth, W. Hinnershitz, B. Merritt, D. Winters.





Seniors



G. Ready, Vice President; M. Ammon, Secretary; B. Gring, Treasurer; J. Robbins, President.

CLASS MOTTO: Be the best of whatever
you are.

Douglas Mallock

CLASS COLORS: Green and gold

CLASS FLOWER: Yellow rose

Champs To Chumps

They took a poll the other day
To see what become of our graduates in May;
The results were alarming; I was quite stunned
At finding out what ten years had done.

Remember Margie of the golden top so fair?
She married a man who was quite a bear.
Instead of possessing new clothes and cars,
She now starves and preserves plums in jars.

And how about Mandy of the voice so grand?
Who lives for the drama and the rest canned.
She got laryngitis singing of Moses,
And now is a surgeon of plastic noses.

Jan Brunner, though small, was quite happy,
At playing the organ for her mammy and pappy.
She now slays every Dick, Harry, and Joe;
Playing Queenie in the Burlesque Show.

And fate played a joke on our friend Dots,
Who wanted to teach to little tots;
She decided to learn more of fairy life;
And now plays Portia on "John's Other Wife."

You'll be surprised to find out that Ann
Who simply adored Lauren BaCall's tan,
Now has her fair skin pale and white
From singing for the Salvation Army at night.

And who could forget Teddy, the scientific brain?
Who planned one day to construct a new train.
He later discovered he could sing
And now is the new Hollywood Swoon King.

All those who heard Pat Haas sing
Said she'd do even better with Bing.
Alas! Alack! Evidently he didn't sign her,
Because she's now cooking in a diner.

Of the whole class Betty was the best
At passing every dramatic test;
As a telephone operator she's in the dough
When you pick up the phone, she says "hello."

Our friend Janet Hower was determined to be
A gym instructor for you and me.
But then she met her one and only;
With eight children she's never lonely.

The one who wanted to be a nurse in our class
Was Siegrid Richter, a sweet little lass.
Somewhere of nursing she must have got distant,
For now she is a mortician's assistant.

Remember "Red" Ready, a humorous boy?
His rich baritone voice gave to all joy.
But later Red married a bossy woman in mink,
Who insisted he wash dishes in the sink.

A most scholarly person was David P.
A lawyer was what he decided to be;
The gods above heard this with a jigger,
Because now Potty is a city ditch digger.

A quite mellow musician was handsome Bruce;
But of sweet horn-playing he called a truce.
If you wish to see him, light a match to a leaf,
Because now Bruce is the Fire Chief.

Our class president was a fellow named Jim.
The law profession was what called him.
He since has discovered wine, women, and song;
As a playboy he doesn't stay home very long.

And who could forget Mickey McCarthy so small?
In sports he was always on the ball.
But one day he dived into a tank;
Result: He's now the president of a bank.

The "Bugs Bunny" character of our group
Was Richard Witman, who hated soup.
At first he wanted to be a tailor and mend,
But now he's a delegate to the U. N.

Nick Cuifci had flashing brown eyes,
On seeing him, the girls all let out sighs.
Clerical work was what he wanted to do
But now he tends lions in the Reading Zoo.

All-round sportsman was light-haired Don,
Who always kept smiling if we lost or won.
The whole class knew he wanted to teach,
But stage work put this out of his reach.

Our beautiful redhead was Barbara Gring;
She told us all she'd like to sing.
Too bad this dream never came true;
As a "pro" baseball player she gets her due.

"That Bisazza boy," we called our Bill.
Where food was concerned he had no will.
To be an artist was his main hope,
But in the navy he mops without soap.

You may ask about cute Anne C.,
Who reasoned a typist earned a good fee.
It's really not a long story to tell,
Because at the end in love she fell.

All through her school days Evie dreamed
Of getting married and taller, it seemed.
But later she found too much she weighed,
And now Miss Cardinal is an old maid.

An independent worker was Barbara Leek,
Who said her freedom she'd always seek.
Her would-be-husband heard this with a smile;
On visiting days, he brings her a file.

A long, lanky person was Richard Keller,
He wanted to work as a bank teller.
Of all the boys he knew he was lighter,
And now poor Dick is a prize fighter.

"I'll be a carpenter," said Jack Brown,
"And be the handiest man in town."
My dear friends, you ought to see him now;
As a taxidermist he stuffs all fowl.

Remember Darl Sauber, a kidding clown?
He thought he'd like to be a man about town.
But Uncle Sam took care of that:
As an army general he's getting fat.

A sweet, demure, cute, little girl
Was Dorothy Gajewski, never in a whirl.
But now she hardly knows if she's sane,
Taking people for rides in an aeroplane.

And tall Bill Kerper was our movie star;
In appearance and height he reached quite far.
But now he's settled to a more quiet life;
As an important executive he needs no wife.

The intellectual Robert, who was our classmate,
Made medicine his hoped-for fate;
He's happy now as a dirty-faced miner,
And thinks no other job could be finer.

Neil Kroenig thought nothing of scaring us all
By taking pictures from a high wall.
And now he continues to act like a fiend,
Replacing Boris Karloff on the screen.

Remember George Metz, a rather tall one,
Who played baseball like it was fun?
He thought most seriously of flying solo;
But now is so rich he plays polo.

"Dumper" Evans impressed all with his size,
And by being sportsy and also wise.
He'd be a coach, he decided early in life,
But now his goal is to find a rich wife.

Earl Mengel was a big husky guy,
Who said he'd be a marine or die.
From what he said he should be dead;
He cleans dogs to keep his family fed.

A nice, friendly fellow was Jesse B.,
Who never cared what his future might be.
I'll tell you what happened in one lump sum;
He filled his ambition to be a bum.

Our friend Charles Reeser was always called "Mike."
He wanted to work on a new state pike.
Something happened to put him in a police cell;
As a prison barber he now does well.

This is the end; the final say;
Don't call me June, I'm Napoleon today.
So long, I've got to go away folks;
Here come those people in the white coats.

By JUNE LEVAN

Do
You
Remember?



WE DON'T BELIEVE IT EITHER!

First row: N. Kroenig, H. Morgan, R. Hains, J. Brown, K. Bauer. **Second row:** B. Bordon, D. Chambers, J. Hower, S. Richter, A. Grauert, M. Ammon, B. Haehnel, M. Batdorf, V. Brown, J. Brunner. **Third row:** G. Ready, R. Witman, D. Reynolds, B. Gring, J. Douglas, I. Bender, M. Bauer, D. Evans, G. DeMoss. **Fourth row:** Miss Wilhelm, R. Angstadt, D. Potteiger, J. Robbins.

WE GREW!

First row: G. DeMoss, N. Kroenig, J. Robbins, E. Graeff, R. Weller, J. Brown, D. Wolf. **Second row:** T. Rowley, J. Weidner, M. Batdorf, R. Witman, J. Brunner, D. Reynolds, D. Sauber, C. Reeser, G. Spangler, W. Kerper. **Third row:** Mr. Livingood, D. Potteiger, D. Gajewski, J. Kline, E. Cardinal, J. Bewley, N. Whitmoyer, J. Hower, R. Angstadt, D. Chambers, D. Wagner, B. Gring, Mrs. Bolton. **Fourth row:** D. Evans, E. Leslie, A. Grauert, B. Haehnel, P. Haas, R. Keller, G. Ready, P. Gehringer, E. Mengel, G. Metz, J. LeVan, M. Ammon, B. Leek, A. Cucinotta, L. Fidler.



MARJORIE K. AMMON

Academic

"Ammonia" . . . "can-can" . . . Margie . . . good dresser . . . leisure found her dancing, drawing, swimming, and using her brother's car (and gasoline) . . . one of the Professor's "girls" . . . drawing pastel portraits or planning decorations for formals or sport hops . . . after graduation she hopes to major in Liberal Arts at Earlham College.

Dramatics—1,2,3,4; Y-Teens—2,3, Cabinet—4; Tennis—2,3,4; Hockey—3, Mgr.—4; Student Council—3; Class Play—3,4; Class Sec.—4; Cheerleader—2; Yearbook—3,4; Art—3; French—3,4; Forensic—2,3,4; Athletic Asso.—3; Lariat—2,3,4; Monitor—4; Activities Comm.—3; National Thespians—3,4.

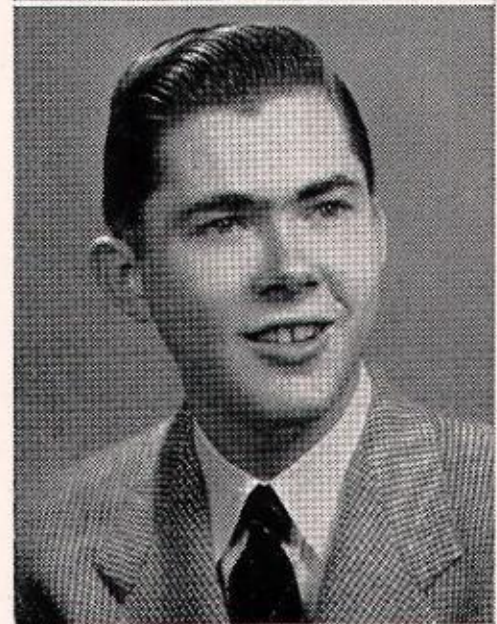


ROBERT L. ANGSTADT

Academic

"Roberta" . . . dual ability at both organ and piano . . . his dog "George" . . . a member of the tennis team . . . met the gang at 1:05 for that mad rush to school . . . his sudden cackle after a joke . . . excellent student . . . willingness to transfer knowledge to other people . . . Bob's hard time learning his "words" for the senior class play . . . plans to attend Bucknell University.

Dramatics—1; Hi-Y—2; Sr. Orchestra—1,2,3,4; Tennis—2,3,4; Class Play—3,4; Yearbook—3,4; Art—1; French—3,4; Camera—2,3; Forensic—4; Lariat—1,2,3,4; Activities Comm.—3,4.

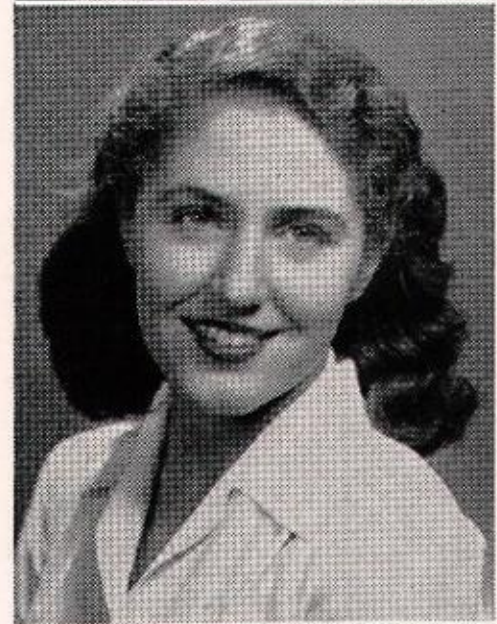


MARY ANN BATDORF

General

"Klutzie" . . . ingenuous personality . . . "spark plug" of the senior class . . . her good-natured disposition . . . Mandy's constant stream of chatter . . . hard-working president of the Dramatics Club . . . her ability to portray character roles . . . one of Mr. Seidel's outstanding sopranos . . . hopes to major in elementary teaching at K. S. T. C.

Dramatics—1,2,3,4; Y-Teens—2,3, Cabinet—4; Class Play—3, 4; Assembly Comm.—1,4; Bridge—4; Art—2,3; Spanish—3; Nature—1,2; MacDowell—1,2,3; Health Comm.—2; Clipping—2; Lariat—1,2,3,4; Monitor—4; National Thespians—3,4; District Chorus—3; County Chorus—3,4.

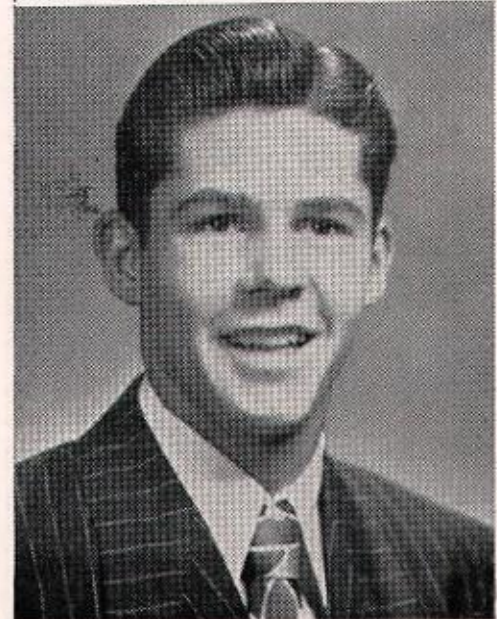


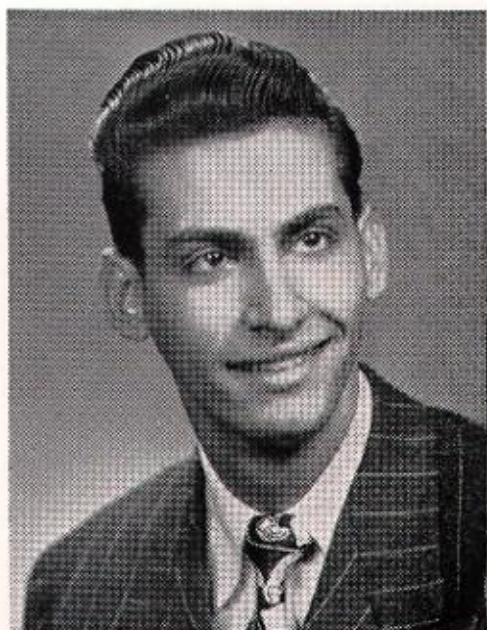
JESSE G. BEWLEY

General

Jess . . . Hunter . . . pretty boy of the senior class . . . driving borrowed cars . . . cokes served with a smile . . . imitating the "Bat Man" . . . affection for pint-sized females . . . shyness at parties . . . vigilance at Al's local institution . . . sharp clothes . . . his original drawl . . . Tennessee Rambler's yearning to travel and the many trips it prompted . . . early morning races to school.

Hi-Y—3; Basketball—1,3; Football—3; Chess & Checkers—2,3,4; Stagecraft—4; Athletic Asso.—3.





BLAISE BIZAZZA

General

Banzai . . . Bill Michaelangelo . . . the bouncer boy of the senior class . . . his poolroom slang . . . an outstanding member of the Drum Corps . . . the hours Bill spent in shops . . . painted with iodine on an overnight trip to Philadelphia and New Jersey . . . out raiding with the boys . . . his father's homemade wine . . . those rings he made in shops . . . ambition to join the Navy.

Spanish—3; Bank—3; Chess & Checkers—3,4; Stagecraft—3,4.



JOHN H. BROWN

Industrial Arts

Jack . . . the one and only "knothead" originating from three concussions during the football season of "46" . . . mallet . . . our All-County backfielder . . . most valuable player's award at football banquet in "47" . . . never to be forgotten "crew cut" . . . Brownie's famous question—"Does it snow in Atlantic City?"

Hi-Y—3; Basketball—1,2,3,4; Track—1,2,3; Football—1,2,3,4; Baseball—1,2,3; Camera—2; Chess & Checkers—3,4; Stagecraft—1,2,3,4; Monitor—3; Athletic Council—3.



JANET C. BRUNNER

Academic

Jan . . . Lefty . . . Coughdrop . . . the fall of '48 will find Jan entering the portals of West Chester S. T. C. . . . ambition to become a high school music teacher . . . Friday morning vigilance at the organ . . . that big, blue sweater . . . this hard working little senior is kept busy conducting Y-Teen meetings . . . efficient secretary of Athletic Association.

Dramatics—2; Y-Teens—2; Cabinet—3,4; Orchestra—4; Hockey—4; Student Council—2; Cheerleader—2,4; Yearbook—3,4; Forensic—3; MacDowell—2,3,4; Athletic Asso.—4; Lariat—1,2,3,4; Monitor—4; War Activities—1,2; County Chorus—3; National Honor Society—4.



EVELYN M. CARDINAL

General

Lizz, the name in ninth grade . . . naturally curly black hair . . . our nimble little guard on the basketball team . . . Nancy's locker and the excitement that came after . . . that special dancing companion . . . one of our snappy cheerleaders . . . tried to keep out of trouble in art class . . . Evie's favorite class—gym . . . ambition to be 5' 7".

Y-Teens—2,3; Basketball—3,4; Volleyball—3,4; Student Council—1; Cheerleader—4; Art—2; Athletic Asso.—3,4; Yearbook—4.

DOROTHY J. CHAMBERS

Academic

Dot's undisputed title of "baby girl" of the senior class . . . that violent dislike for those saddle shoes—"They make my feet look too big" . . . Dot's weekly ritual with those eighty-eight pin curls . . . that giggle . . . Dot says there's a haze on the horizon when she looks into the future—but time will tell.

MacDowell—2,3,4; Dramatics—1,2,3,4; Bridge—4; Yearbook—3,4; Class Play—3,4; County Chorus—2,3; National Thespians—4; Lariat—4; Art—2.



ANNA R. CUCINOTTA

Commercial

Annie . . . eyed chocolate sundaes . . . ambition to get thin . . . constant pal, Rusty . . . knitted argyles for Bunny . . . those nice guys at Pome-roy's . . . Miss Lemmert's personal secretary . . . her friendly, quiet manner . . . her blue-black hair . . . played cupid . . . her trials as business manager of Vaquero . . . treasurer of Y-Teens.

Class Play—3; Yearbook—4; Art—1; Class Sec.—1,2,3; Citizenship Club—1; Lariat—2,3; Banking—3,4; Y-Teens—2; Cabinet—3,4.



NICHOLAS B. CUIFICI

General Business

Nick . . . that magnificent build . . . his all-round sports ability . . . wore that wire glass protector . . . his constant companion and date—Dorace . . . gripped about assignments . . . those twin sweaters . . . saved for his car of the future . . . his blue suit . . . that enormous appetite . . . long phone conversations . . . his knitting ability.

Banking—3,4; Stagecraft—4; Camera—1,2; Football—1,2,3,4; Basketball—2,3,4; Swimming—2,3,4; Baseball—2,3; Track—2,3,4; Bridge—3; Class Pres.—3; Class Play—3; Tennis—4.



GEORGE T. DEMOSS

Academic

Teddy . . . our little Trig brain-child . . . his never ceasing appetite for ice cream . . . distributed popsicles to fellow classmates . . . electrical wizard . . . passionate love for his sharp, gray Cadillac . . . fabulous record collection . . . pestered the girls in physics class with ice cubes . . . Friday night canteen . . . the "motor scooter king" . . . plans to attend M. I. T.

Track—3,4; Class Play—4; Aeronautics—2.





DAVID C. EVANS

General

Dumper . . . "one on" and a cup of coffee with the boys . . . our All-County tackle after three years of varsity ball . . . Dave's 200 pounds . . . never without his auto, the "Black Beauty" . . . our ice man . . . baby boy of the class . . . his quiet manner and reluctant smile . . . expects to attend Penn State College and major in mechanical engineering.

Hl-Y—3; Basketball—1,4, Mgr.—3; Track—1,2,3,4; Football—1,2,3,4; Baseball—3,4; Bridge—2; Bank—3; Chess—2,3,4; Stagecraft—3,4; Athletic Asso.—3; Monitor—2,3.



DOROTHY E. GAJEWSKI

General

Dot . . . Sunshine . . . head majorette in the Drum Corps . . . smallest girl in the senior class . . . neat all-around wardrobe . . . that fiery temper . . . driving with that certain "someone" . . . her hobby of working with sequins . . . those terrific troubles and weird dreams . . . double dating . . . Sunday evenings at the Penn . . . ambition to be tall.

Y-Teens—2,3; Class Play—3; Cheerleader—3; Bridge—3; Art—2,4; MacDowell—4.



ANN P. GRAUERT

General

Lauren . . . Slim . . . Dud . . . our gal Grauert answers to each of the previous monikers . . . one of professor's "three free lancers" . . . that terrific summer of '47 in the Poconos—ah, sweet memories . . . made popular song slides . . . Ann's original ideas for the sport hops . . . a really neat "kiddo" . . . ambition is to study art at Moore Institute.

Dramatics—1,2,3,4; Y-Teens—2, Cabinet—3,4; Track—3,4; Hockey—3; Class Play—3,4; Yearbook—3,4; Art—1,2,3; Spanish—3; MacDowell—1,2; Monitor—4; National Thespians—4.



BARBARA M. GRING

Commercial

Rusty's natural fiery coiffure . . . that aim to be a medical assistant . . . continuously scribbled during classes . . . that ready giggle . . . lassoed in fifth grade . . . her freckles reflect the sunshine in her heart . . . Barb's constant pal—Annie . . . reliable assistant on the Vaquero advertising staff . . . service chairman of Y-Teens.

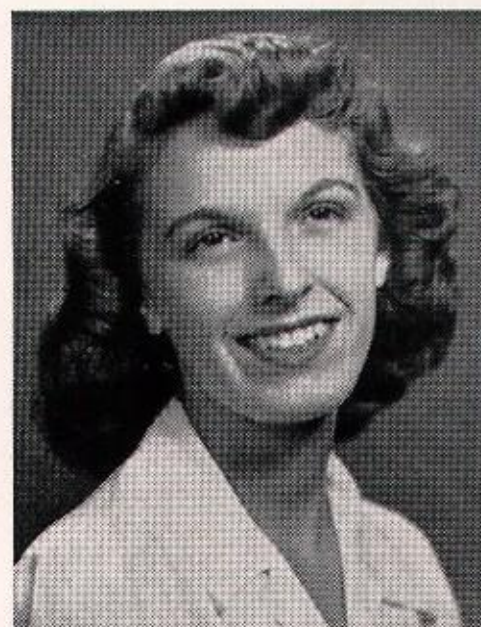
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PATRICIA L. HAAS

General

Pat . . . golden voiced soprano . . . "Ave Maria" . . . our soloist at District Chorus . . . Tuesday study halls . . . the long days of waiting for those heavenly week ends . . . "Jiggers, get down!" . . . that maroon sweater . . . our faithful center guard . . . those rides in her father's car . . . Pat's winning personality . . . that dash to school with Bobsy . . . after graduation?

Dramatics—1,2,3; Y-Teens—2,4; Cabinet—3; Basketball—3,4; Volleyball—3,4; Track—4; Yearbook—4; Art—1,2,3; French—3,4; MacDowell—1,2,3,4; Athletic Asso.—3,4; Lariat—2,3,4; Monitor—4; County Chorus—2,3,4; State Chorus—3; National Thespians—3,4.



BETTY W. HAEHNEL

Academic

"Hey Mom" is a greeting familiar to many ears . . . a member of that art room triumverate—Margie, Ann, Betty . . . Betts displayed her musical ability as one of the MacDowell accompanists . . . hard-working member of sport hop committee . . . Wally claims her crystal ball is hazy concerning her future but she's bound to make a go of anything she attempts.

Dramatics—1,2,3,4; Y-Teens—2,3; Cabinet—4; Hockey—4; Class Play—3,4; Yearbook—4; Bridge—4; Art—1,2,3,4; MacDowell—1,2,3,4; Health Comm.—2; Monitor—4; County Chorus—2,3,4; National Thespians—3,4; National Honor Society—4.



JANET E. HOWER

Academic

Harner . . . Jan . . . Muscles . . . sports and dancing take up much of her time . . . an outstanding scholar in her school career . . . every other Tuesday during activities period found Jan pounding the gavel as she presided as prexy of Student Council . . . her father's car saw plenty of action this year and with all those away games, etc., (ahem!) . . . September will find her at Wilson College.

Dramatics—2; Y-Teens—2,3; Cabinet—4; Basketball—3,4; Volleyball—3,4; Tennis—3,4; Track—2,3,4; Hockey—3,4; Student Council—3,4; Class Play—4; Cheerleader—2,3,4; Assembly Comm.—3; Forensic—2,3,4; MacDowell—3,4; Athletic Asso.—2,3; Lariat—1,2,3,4; National Honor Society—3,4; War Activities—1,2.



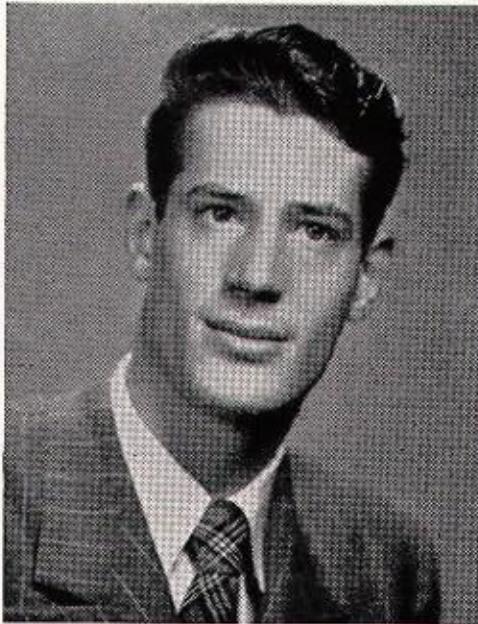
RICHARD C. KELLER

General Business

Shorty . . . Dick . . . Slim . . . Kept the juke box going at the dances . . . the time when the battery in the car fell out while crossing the railroad tracks . . . sang in the church choir and MacDowell chorus . . . looked down on most people from his height . . . fell down the steps in the grade building . . . that long drawn out—"All-----right."

Class Play—3,4; Art—2,3,4; Chess & Checkers—2; MacDowell—2,3,4; Monitor—4; Dramatics—4.





WILLIAM J. KERPER

Gregory . . . our man in the movie industry . . . one of the comedians of the class . . . summer morning "workouts" at the local pool . . . that pipe . . . the way Bill tempted the kids with doughnuts on the way home from school . . . his variety of dates . . . "Sweet William" hopes to become a member of Uncle Sam's Navy.

Track—3; Swimming—2,3; Chess & Checkers—2,3,4.



NEIL T. KROENIG

General Business

Nellie . . . my dog, Pal . . . always possessed a "sharp" poolroom technique but rarely put it to use . . . the little "instigator" of mechanical drawing class . . . "Hey, Doc, did you hear the one about . . .?" . . . gasoline station attendant in our rival borough . . . Vaquero photographer . . . Coach's little "problem child."

Yearbook—4; Camera—3,4; Lariat—4.



BARBARA J. LEEK

General

Bab's job at Ruth's . . . candy and gum supplier . . . our first housewife . . . latest female addition to the class . . . her struggles with Latin . . . keen sense of humor . . . wrote letters in her spare time . . . her constant companion "Evie" . . . cracked that ever-present gum . . . home run queen of the senior girls . . . those glasses.

Y-Teens—2,3; Class Treas.—2,3; Yearbook—4; Art—2; Health Comm.—2.



JUNE LE VAN

General

June's affinity for nicknames . . . buzzed around in LeVan's truck . . . scatterbrain . . . Jinx's genius at writing plays, poems . . . "The Pioneer"—published in Lariat . . . participated in all sports . . . trustworthy . . . milk and cookies in art class . . . Youth Council representative for Y-Teens . . . clever activities editor for Vaquero . . . man-hater . . . ambition to become a journalist.

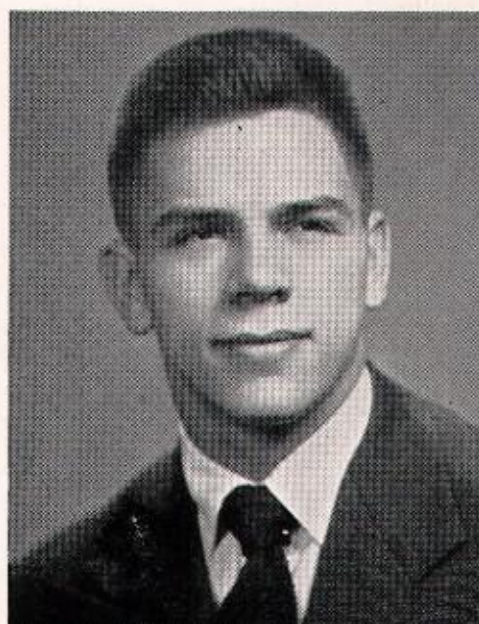
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MICHAEL J. McCARTHY, JR.

General

Mickey . . . "Apple" . . . the "mighty mite" with muscles . . . already known to everyone when he hailed from Central in 11th grade . . . a constant "Y" goer . . . "The Stars Will Remember" . . . copped the diving trophy in the Berks County Senior Men's Open . . . those Monday morning trips to the hospital for "after the game treatment!" . . . LaSalle College will gain "Our little Casanova of '48."

Basketball—3; Track—3,4; Football—3,4; Baseball—3; Swimming—3,4; Spanish—3; Chess & Checkers—3,4; Stagecraft—3,4; Athletic Asso.—4; Athletic Council—4.

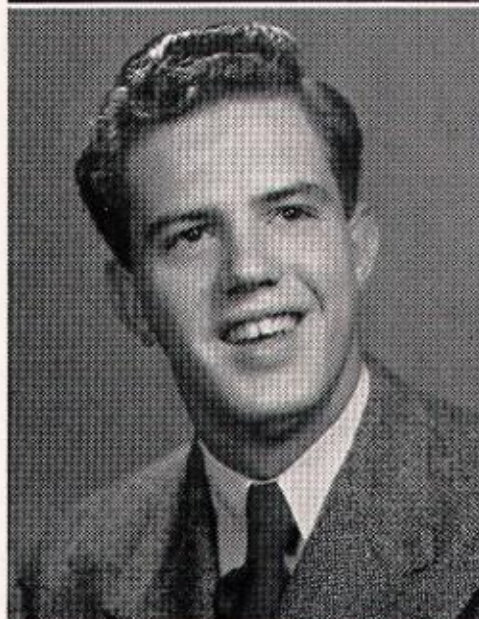


EARL MENGEL, JR.

Industrial Arts

Moose . . . worked in Woolworth's . . . many secret girlfriends . . . hot-head while playing cards . . . that "take it or leave it" attitude . . . his shaded red hair . . . our dependable tackle on the football field . . . took the boys for rides . . . the trouble with Dad to get the car . . . our regular "Y" attender . . . those Rajah visits . . . transferred from New Jersey . . . his ambition to travel.

Football—2,3,4; Monitor—3.

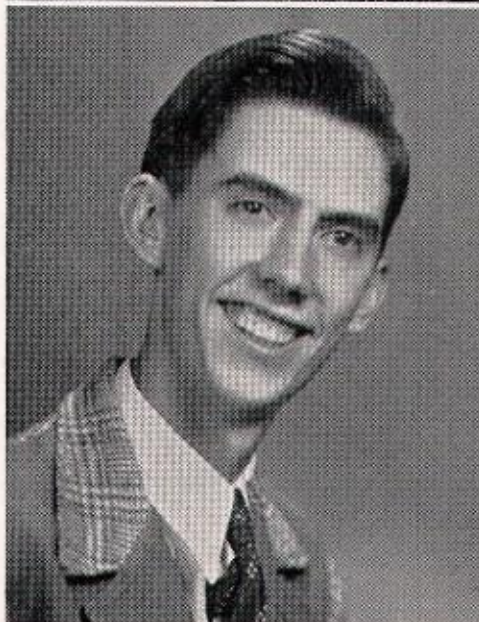


GEORGE J. METZ

General Business

"Doc" Metz . . . our amiable usher at the local cinema . . . lenient with passes . . . "Spider's" affinity for baseball . . . every afternoon, between classes, our boy Metz was found monitoring the west end of the third floor hall . . . pet dislike is boiled cabbage . . . undecided about his future but the possibility of an accountant looms in the offing.

Football—2; Baseball—2,3,4; Student Council—4; Camera—1; Chess & Checkers—1,2,3,4; Monitor—4.



DAVID O. POTTEIGER

Academic

Potty . . . efficient . . . capable editor of Vaquero . . . his rugged job as head of the monitor committee . . . faithful member of the Forensic Club . . . drove to and from school with the kids in the sharp red convertible . . . recently discovered sense of humor . . . uproarious articles for "That Reminds Me" column last year . . . wicked "Don Budge" tennis serve . . . Potty's pink buttons . . . future lawyer.

Dramatics—1,4; Hi-Y—2; Tennis—2,3,4; Class Play—3,4; Student Council—4; Yearbook—3,4; Bridge—2,4; Forensic—2,3,4; Chess & Checkers—2; Lariat—1,2,3; Monitor—4; Honor Society—3,4; War Activities Comm.—1,2; National Thespians—4.





GERALD E. READY

Academic

Red . . . "Yo, Ready" . . . Gerald's flaming red hair distinguished him from any other football player on the field . . . beat the bass drum in the band and orchestra . . . his surprise debut in assembly . . . MacDowell claimed Red every Wednesday as their bass soloist . . . pin-ball machine fanatic . . . camped with the "Pioneer Lads of 12-1."

Dramatics—1; Hi-Y—2; Sr. Orchestra—1,2,3,4; Track—1,2,3,4; Football—4; Class Play—3,4; Class V. Pres.—4; Art—1; Forensic—2; Band—2,3,4; MacDowell—2,3,4; National Honor Society—4.

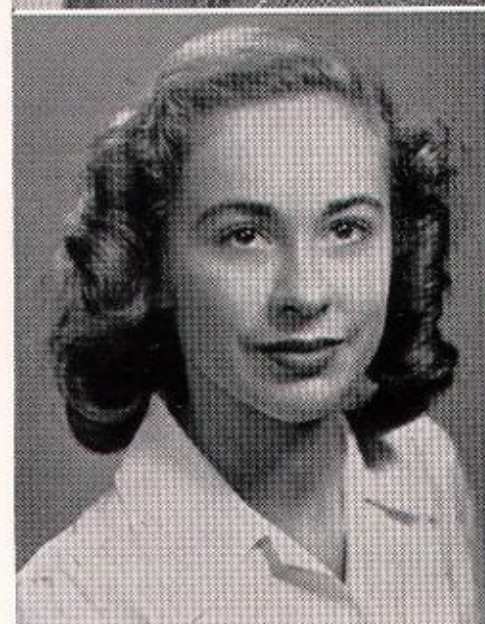


CHARLES V. REESER

General

Mike . . . Gunner . . . always in shops . . . those Italian sandwiches . . . played through the seasons of track, swimming, and basketball . . . sported his Cowboy jacket . . . his second home on Holland Square . . . Drum Corps . . . that high-pitched cackle . . . his souvenir from Atlantic City . . . saved seats at the basketball games.

Basketball—2,3,4; Track—2,3,4; Swimming—2,3,4; Class Play—3,4; Class V. Pres.—3; Yearbook—3; Spanish—3.

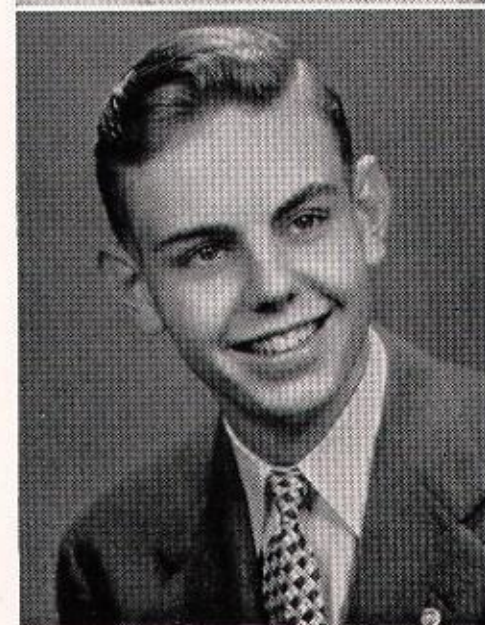


SIEGRID U. RICHTER

Academic

"Siegie" . . . desire to travel . . . love for dancing . . . efficient secretary of Y-Teens . . . ability to speak Spanish fluently . . . listed in Siegrid's book of memories are her first formal and that wonderful "prom" in '46 . . . her worries as prop man for the Senior Class Play . . . expects to attend Albright then off to her lifelong ambition of nursing.

Dramatics—2,3,4; Y-Teens—2,3; Cabinet—4; Class Play—3; Yearbook—3,4; Bridge—4; Art—2; Spanish—3; Health Comm.—4; Clipping—3.



JAMES H. ROBBINS

Scientific

Jim . . . class president . . . shutter bug . . . editor of the Lariat . . . tactful . . . tennis fan . . . the way the girls swooned when Jim first came to W. R. H. S. . . . drummer . . . his fat cat, "Patches" . . . dependable . . . "Uncle Walter" in the senior class play . . . hopes to have "Penn State" as a future alma mater and to matriculate in Industrial Engineering

Hi-Y—1; Sr. Orchestra—1,2,3,4; Tennis—2,3,4; Football Mgr.—2,3; Class Play—3,4; Class Pres.—4; Assembly Comm.—1,2,3,4; Camera—2,3,4; Forensic—2,3; Band—3,4; Athletic Asso.—3; Lariat—1,2,3,4; County Band—1,3,4; County Orchestra—2,3; National Honor Society—3,4.

DARL L. SAUBER
Industrial Arts

"Young Darl" . . . Darrel . . . position of right guard was constantly filled by 5' 10", 158 pounds of fighting "Cowboy spirit" . . . awarded the title of the "third knot-head" during his visit in the Pottstown Hospital after the Norco game . . . after school finds Darl either working at the local Food Fair, keeping Al busy, or talking with the boys at Bill's.

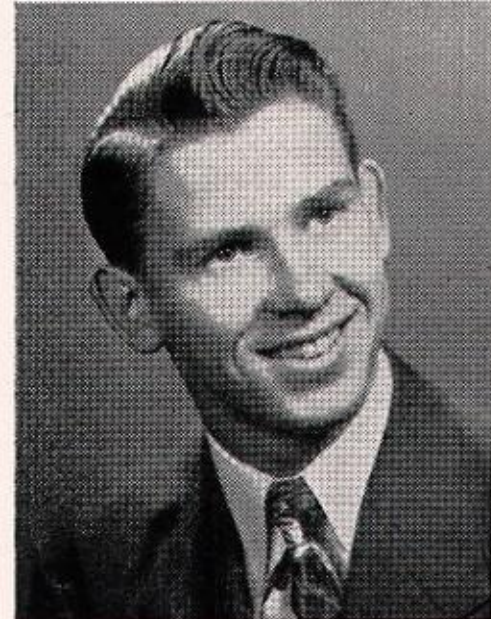
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BRUCE C. WEEBER
General

Sonny's little boy . . . good-looking . . . his role as a girl in the junior class play . . . ardent passion for his saxophone and clarinet . . . summer-time finds Bruce swinging a mean tennis racquet . . . practices in at the 'Y', . . . hey, aleck-trician . . . Curtis campaign . . . our own Arthur Murray.

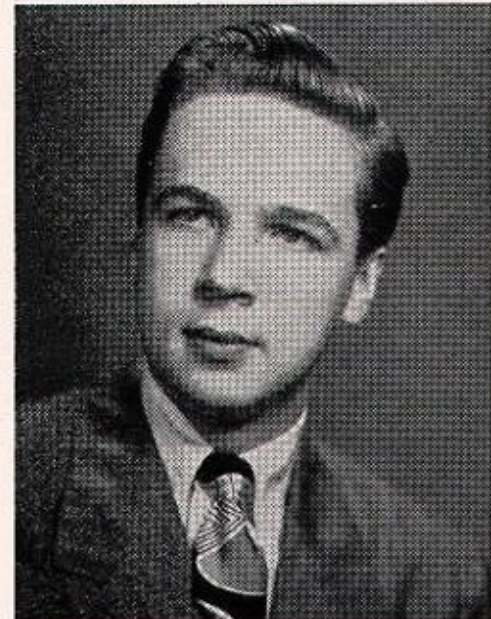
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RICHARD H. WITMAN
General Business

Bunny . . . Dick . . . Mr. Jude's protege . . . one of the many "diner boys" . . . filled his brother's shoes by playing forward position on the varsity basketball team . . . our tall, slender class "shiek" . . . health class . . . his many varied and verbal arguments with Mr. Naylor . . . "never forgot that blind date from Mt. Penn. Wow!" . . . Business Administration attracts Bunny for the future.

Basketball—1,2,3,4; Football—3; Baseball—2,4; Student Council—1,2; Class Pres.—2; Bridge—2; Bank—3,4; Chess & Checkers—2,3; Stagecraft—3,4.

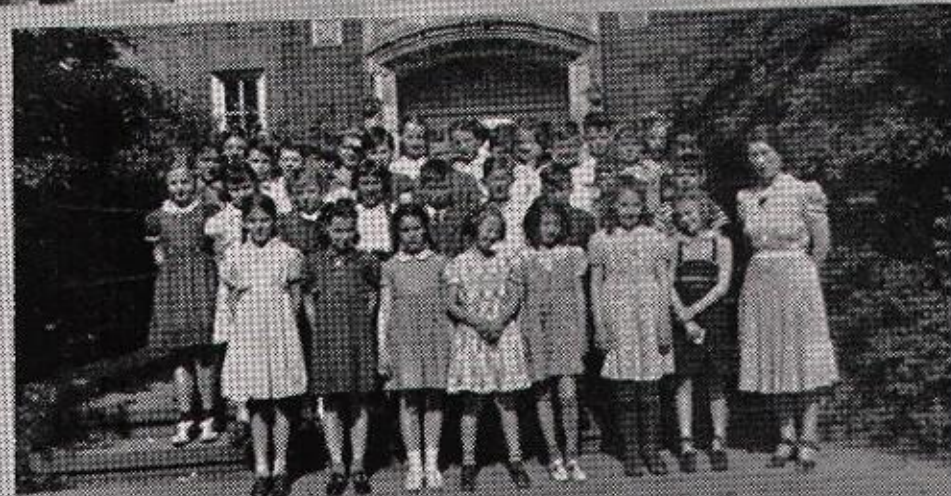
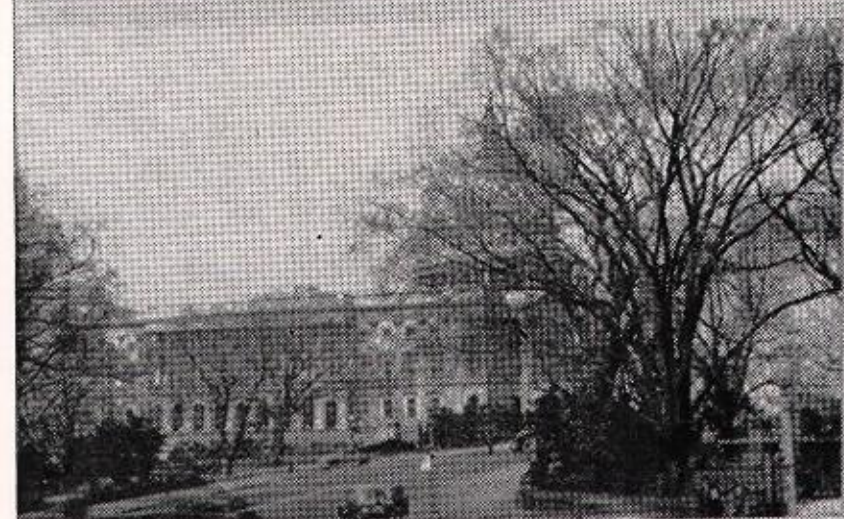
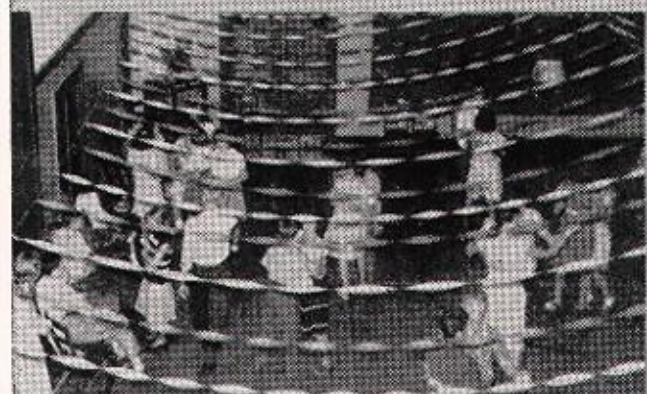


DONALD C. WOLF
General

Wolfie . . . "golden arm" . . . Donnie . . . received one of his nicknames from his beautiful passes in the football games . . . remember the surprised face on the 100 yard backstroke champion? . . . cleaned up the gym after sport hops . . . read Coach's mail . . . his shy, quiet manner . . . "If I only had a car—any car!"

Basketball—2,3,4; Track—3,4; Football—2,3,4; Baseball—2; Athletic Asso.—3,4; Monitor—3; Swimming—3,4; Art—2,3,4; Chess & Checkers—2,3.





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To Philip Hoeffler, Marjorie Ammon's driving ability.
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With the turning of this last page, we have concluded the story of our school year. To many it is just another chapter in their school lives. For a few the story has been completed. It is hoped that those seniors who are leaving West Reading this year will not lose interest in their school. Instead, as they assume their duties as citizens of the world, may they constantly strive to make certain that a good education with its interests and opportunities is available to all. If this book serves, as the years go by, to remind them of their own school lives and make them a little more concerned with the school life of coming generations, its writers are well satisfied.

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